



**TO:** Roger Breed, Ed.D.  
Commissioner of Education

**FROM:** Mary Ann Losh, Administrator, Equity/Instructional Issues

**SUBJECT:** NASA Award

**Proposed Board Action:**

Grant the Commissioner the authority to accept, upon notification, the year three award of a NASA Summer of Innovation Cooperative Agreement of up to \$150,000 and to grant sub-awards in the amounts of \$96,869 to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and \$20,350 to the University of Nebraska-Omaha to deliver robotics, aviation and cosmic connections content, and a sub-award of \$18,792 to the University of Nebraska Medical Center for program evaluation.

**Background Information:**

The Nebraska Department of Education, 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) program, applied to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) for a \$750,000 Summer of Innovation Cooperative Agreement. This four-year project began in the summer of 2011 and provides middle school students who participate in 21st CCLC programs with summer and school year instruction in NASA science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) in selected NASA themes including robotics, earth and space science, aviation and aeronautics, and rocketry. In addition, the project utilizes NASA experts and partners from the University of Nebraska system to provide professional development opportunities for certified teachers each year. The sub-awards to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and University of Nebraska-Omaha will provide funding to deliver robotics, aviation and cosmic connections content. The sub-award to the University of Nebraska Medical Center is for program evaluation.

**Estimated Cost:**

The sub-award to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is \$96,869, the sub-award to the University of Nebraska-Omaha is \$20,350 and the sub-award to the University of Nebraska Medical Center is \$18,792.

The funding source is the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, an independent Federal agency of the United States created by the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958.

**Supporting Documentation Included:**

**For Additional Information on this item:**

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