



**TO:** Matthew L. Blomstedt, Ph.D.  
Commissioner of Education

**FROM:** Melody Hobson

**SUBJECT:** Contract with Environment Rating Scale Institute ERSI

**Proposed Board Action:**

Grant the Commissioner the Authority to contract with ERSI for the purpose of conducting training on the Early Childhood Environment Rating Scales-Revised ( ECERS-R).

**Background Information:**

ERSI is headed by the authors of the Environment Rating Scales (ERS) which are extensively used to determine program quality. The ERS are used in Nebraska in early childhood programs operated by schools and ESUs. Nebraska also plans to use the ERS in the Step Up to Quality: Quality Rating and Improvement System. Training by the authors will provide a higher standard of reliability by assessors in early childhood programs. This training will also allow a small cadre of people to serve as anchors for additional ECERS-R trainings.

**Estimated Cost:**

\$30,745

**Supporting Documentation Included:**

Contract is available

**For Additional Information on this item:**

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