



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

FROM: Donlynn Rice, Senior Administrator
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SUBJECT: Contract with UNL for Skilled and Technical Sciences Consultant Services

Proposed Board Action:

Grant the Commissioner the authority to contract with the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, on behalf of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for services as a consultant for the Skilled and Technical Sciences Career Field.

Background Information:

The University of Nebraska Lincoln College of Education and Human Science discontinued their teacher preparation program in Skilled and Technical Sciences (Industrial Technology) in 2012. At that time, the College of Agriculture Sciences and Natural Resources, Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication Department picked up the program to help students finish their degrees. The program has grown under ALEC leadership including the creation of 2+2 programs with Nebraska Community Colleges. The need for an Professor of Practice from the Skilled and Technical Sciences area has become apparent as the program has grown.

UNL does not have sufficient funds to hire an individual on their own. This cooperative arrangement provides a person to fill the Professor of Practice role at UNL and allows NDE to have an individual to assist schools with Skilled and Technical Sciences programs. In particular this individual will work with career education certificated teachers from business and industry to assist in helping their transition to teaching. This individual will also help NDE with the new Career Academy approval process as outlined in Rule 47.

NDE is paying for 35% of this individual with the balance of time being at UNL as a teacher educator for Skilled and Technical Sciences.

Estimated Cost:

\$41,207.00 from Federal Carl D. Perkins Statewide Leadership Funds

Supporting Documentation Included:

None

For Additional Information on this item:

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