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SUBJECT: Grant the Commissioner Authority to Continue to Contract for Assistance with the Improving Learning for Children with Disabilities (ILCD) Website and Data Collection Process

**Proposed Board Action:**

Grant the Commissioner Authority to Continue Contracting for Assistance with the Improving Learning for Children with Disabilities (ILCD) Website and Data Collection Process

**Background Information:**

This contract is necessary so that Aspect Software, Inc. can continue to further develop and maintain the ILCD website. Aspect, through previous contracts, has assisted the NDE Office of Special Education with the development of the ILCD website to enable school districts to input and display special education data pertaining to school improvement, compliance and self-assessment activities. The ILCD website contains text and tables for each ILCD Impact Area including the IDEA SPP/APR indicators, allows for input of survey data, and displays district survey, compliance and improvement activities and results. Additionally, data from the Nebraska Student and Staff Record System (NSSRS) is being utilized. The Contractor will develop administrative tools for the state users including further development, revision, and maintenance of the state-level and school district-level Impact Areas and components plus refinement of the file review input sites and reporting features for IDEA, Parts B & C and assist NDE in transition to a new CRM platform. This contract ensures that required Special Education information can be displayed on the State of the Schools Report (SOSR) site. This contract also supports efforts to maintain the federally required annual special education district "determination" process. Contract coincides with state fiscal year and the NDE budgeting process. Efforts to use this year's update process includes the implementation of upgraded software and processes that will allow for the long term maintenance and transition to internal NDE staff to support the sustainability and support of the system.

**Estimated Cost:**

Contractor: Aspect Software, Inc.  
Contract Amount: \$438,753  
Contract Dates: 7/1/14 to 6/30/15  
Funding Source: IDEA—Parts B and C

**Supporting Documentation Included:**

None

**For Additional Information on this item:**

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