



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

**FROM:** Gary M. Sherman/Rita Hammitt  
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**SUBJECT:** Grant the Commissioner Authority to continue contracting for the purpose of collecting post-school outcomes data on students with disabilities as per federal requirements.

**Proposed Board Action:**

Grant the Commissioner authority to continue contracting for the purpose of collecting post-school outcomes data on students with disabilities.

**Background Information:**

Through this continuing contractual arrangement, the Bureau of Sociological Research (BOSR) at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln will attempt to contact via telephone all special education students who exited school during the 2012-13 school year for one of the following reasons: graduated with regular diploma; received a certificate of completion; aged out; or, dropped out. The data analysis and data reports resulting from the telephone interviews will be compiled by BOSR and submitted to NDE for use in responding to the federal (IDEA 2004) regulation requiring states to collect and report state and district-wide post-school outcomes data on students with disabilities formerly attending school districts. This data is required to be reported to the federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) as relates to the six year State Performance Plan (SPP) and the Annual Performance Report (APR) for Part B, IDEA. Additionally, the post-school outcome data will be shared with the participating districts. This is the eighth year for UNL-BOSR to conduct this activity resulting from the original RFP process.

**Estimated Cost:**

Contractor: University of Nebraska Board of Regents—Bureau of Sociological Research (BOSR)  
Dates: July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015  
Amount: Not to exceed \$62,500  
Funding Source: IDEA, Part B

**Supporting Documentation Included:**

None

**For Additional Information on this item:**

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