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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF CONTRACTS WITH PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

RATIONALE: The Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission has interpreted Nebraska Statute Sec. 49-14,102 to require the Department to disclose, prior to the starting date of the contract, the contracting of services which exceed \$2,000 and which are with an employee of any public agency or a public official, a member of that individual's immediate family, or a business with which that individual is associated. The contractors noted below fall under the definition of 49-14,102 and has a contract which exceeds this dollar limit.

1. Contractor(s): David Smith
Contract Amount: \$2,245
Scope of Services: Participate in the appeals process for the NeSA-Writing.
Date of Contract: 5/10/14-8/15/14
Public Employee Relationship: David is an employee of Lincoln Public Schools.
2. Contractor(s): Melissa Schroeder
Contract Amount: \$2,400
Scope of Services: Participate in the appeals process for the NeSA-Writing.
Date of Contract: 5/10/14-8/15/14
Public Employee Relationship: Melissa is an employee of Omaha Public Schools.
3. Contractor(s): Donna Pruett
Contract Amount: \$2,415
Scope of Services: Participate in the appeals process for the NeSA-Writing.
Date of Contract: 5/10/14-8/15/14
Public Employee Relationship: Donna is a substitute teacher at Bellevue, Papillion La Vista and Millard Public Schools.
4. Contractor(s): Karena Plautz
Contract Amount: \$30/hr.
Scope of Services: Provide job coaching to clients of Nebraska VR.
Date of Contract: 5/12/14-5/11/17
Public Employee Relationship: Spouse is an employee of Nebraska VR.
5. Contractor(s): Glenda Cottam, Ph.D.
Contract Amount: \$81,000
Scope of Services: Consultation with disability examiners in their development of evidence to document disability eligibility decisions; recommendation of clinical signs and laboratory findings needed to document medical conditions. Verbal and written professional clinical medical consultation to include review, analysis, interpretation, and clarification of the contents of medical and/or psychological reports in order to assess the severity of medical impairments, the effect upon the ability to work, and the consequent impact on eligibility for disability benefits.
Date of Contract: 7/1/14-6/30/15
Public Employee Relationship: Husband is a contractor at DDS (Arthur Weaver).

6. Contractor(s): Arthur Weaver, D.O.
Contract Amount: \$89,000
Scope of Services: Consultation with disability examiners in their development of evidence to document disability eligibility decisions; recommendation of clinical signs and laboratory findings needed to document medical conditions. Verbal and written professional clinical medical consultation to include review, analysis, interpretation, and clarification of the contents of medical and/or psychological reports in order to assess the severity of medical impairments, the effect upon the ability to work, and the consequent impact on eligibility for disability benefits.
Date of Contract: 7/1/14-6/30/15
Public Employee
Relationship: Arthur is a physician for the University of Nebraska-Omaha student health and his wife is a contractor at DDS (Glenda Cottam).