



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

FROM: Mary Ann Losh, Administrator, Equity/Instructional Issues

SUBJECT: Grant the Commissioner the authority to continue to accept the year four award of NASA Summer of Innovation Cooperative Agreement of \$75,000 and to grant sub-awards in the amounts of \$29,000 to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to deliver robotics content, and a sub-award of \$6,643 to the University of Nebraska Medical Center for program evaluation.

Proposed Board Action:

Grant the Commissioner the authority to continue to accept the year four award of a NASA Summer of Innovation Cooperative Agreement of \$75,000 and to grant sub-awards in the amounts of \$29,000 to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to deliver robotics content, and a sub-award of \$6,643 to the University of Nebraska Medical Center for program evaluation.

Background Information:

The Nebraska Department of Education, 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) program, applied to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) for a \$750,000 Summer of Innovation Cooperative Agreement. This four-year project began in the summer of 2011 and provides middle school students who participate in 21st CCLC programs with summer instruction in NASA science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). The selected NASA themes include the following: robotics, earth and space science, aviation and aeronautics, and rocketry. In addition, the project utilizes NASA experts and partners from the University of Nebraska system to provide professional development opportunities for certified teachers each year. The sub-award to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln will provide funding to deliver robotics content. The sub-award to the University of Nebraska Medical Center is for program evaluation.

Estimated Cost:

The sub-award to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is \$29,000 and the sub-award to the University of Nebraska Medical Center is \$6,643.

The funding source is the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, an independent Federal agency of the United States created by the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958.

Supporting Documentation Included:

For Additional Information on this item:

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