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STATE ED BOARD ANNOUNCES NASA GRANT FOR BEFORE- AND AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

A new, nearly \$50,000 grant from NASA will allow Nebraska educators and youth development professionals to develop a plan to improve science, technology, engineering and mathematics education for middle school students enrolled in out-of-school programs.

The Nebraska State Board of Education recently accepted the 2010 K-12 Summer of Innovation Capacity Building Initiative grant provided by the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center.

The grant provides funds for an advisory group to assess existing opportunities and gaps in education services statewide and to develop a long-term strategic plan to improve out-of-school STEM – science, technology, engineering and mathematics – education by fully using existing resources and infusing NASA educational programs and resources into the state's current programs.

This grant is administered by the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program at the Nebraska Department of Education. For more information contact Kim Larson at kim.larson@nebraska.gov.