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20 APPLICANTS SEEK JOB AS NEXT STATE EDUCATION COMMISSIONER

Twenty people have officially submitted an application to be considered as the next Nebraska Commissioner of Education.

The deadline for applications was yesterday, Oct. 15.

PROACT, an Illinois firm hired to conduct a national search, will now continue the interview and vetting process and then present the most qualified candidates to the State Board of Education's Search Committee for its consideration. The search firm contacted more than 150 individuals and organizations to discuss the interest of an individual or people they might recommend for the job.

"The amount of interest we received and number of conversations with potential recruits was extensive. We are very pleased with the number of final applicants and the extraordinary experiences and leadership they embody," PROACT recruiter Eva Prokop said.

The State Board of Education Search Committee, chaired by State Board President Pat Timm, is expected to reduce the pool of the most qualified applicants to at least four finalists by early December. The State Board of Education has tentatively set Dec. 11 and 12 as dates for public interviews of the finalists by the Board.

"We are pleased with the search process and the number of individuals interested in the position," Timm said. "Hiring the next Commissioner of Education is the single most important job of the State Board of Education. We are confident that this search process will lead to a strong slate of finalists for consideration in early December."

The successful candidate will replace former Nebraska Commissioner of Education Roger Breed who retired July 1.