

June 4 and 5, 2015
RE: Data, Research, and Psychometric Services
Nebraska Department of Education
Assessment & Accountability
Accreditation & School Improvement

Education Measurement Contract

Cost \$96,710.

The costs are estimated. Any funds not used will not be charged to Nebraska Department of Education.

The contract will provide the following Psychometrics (NeSA):

- 1) *Participate with NDE staff and other stakeholders to determine and implement maintenance of the NeSA system.*
- 2) *Validate the test linking calibrations and NeSA scores calculated by the test contractor (DRC)>*
- 3) *Participate with NDE staff and DRC on planning for future improvements to the assessment system.*
- 4) *Conduct research and evaluation analyses of NeSA results and prepare reports for the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and for internal NDE decision-making.*
- 5) *Other psychometric work as defined by the Nebraska Department of Education.*
- 6) *Assist NDE staff with the possible preparation and delivery of materials to the U.S. Department of Education related to NCLB requirements.*

The contract will provide the following Accountability (AQuESTT):

- 7) *Conduct analyses of assessment data to support development of the classification component of AQuESTT.*
- 8) *Consult with NDE staff on planning and development related to the technical requirements of AQuESTT.*
- 9) *Conduct an independent validation of the assessment data included in the State of the Schools Report and other public reports.*
- 10) *Other accountability work as defined by NDE.*