

**Grant the Commissioner the authority to contract with Vivayic, Inc. to develop and provide professional development on a middle school career education and planning curriculum**

**Contract Deliverables:**

1. Create a Nebraska customized version of Vivayic's "Engage! A Career Exploration Middle School Curriculum." The customized version will encompass:
  1. 60 to 70 lesson plans for a complete semester long course to be delivered via classroom
  2. Up to 40% of the content to be customized for Nebraska Career Education including the modification of existing lessons, replacement of lesson, and addition of lessons
    1. Add a focus on developing awareness of Nebraska Career Readiness Standards
    2. Ensure career exploration utilizes Nebraska's Career Field model
    3. Integrate the following:
      1. 3-5 activities from the NDE C4C library of career exploration activities
      2. 5-10 ELA instructional strategies
      3. 1 activity to introduce the Habitudes approach to Career Readiness Standards, the high school curriculum
    4. New, custom media (images, video, graphics, etc.) will be the responsibility of NCE; this proposal includes limited budget for addition of up to 30 new images from stock photo sources
  3. All lesson plans include instructor's guide, supporting Power Point, and supporting handouts (as applicable)
  4. All assessments include answer keys and/or scoring rubrics
  5. Draft of customized version to be field tested by up to 12 teachers with feedback incorporated into final version of curriculum
  6. Curriculum will be delivered in two formats – final published files and source files; Nebraska Career Education is responsible for hosting the curriculum materials and providing reasonable assurance that the materials are not being promoted for use by schools and teachers outside Nebraska

The curriculum will be released via professional development at the 2015 Nebraska Career Education Conference

The total cost of this contract is \$49,300, paid from Federal Perkins Statewide Leadership Funds.