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PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM RATIONALE

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

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PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM:

Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve contracts with ESU #2, ESU #7, ESU #10, ESU #16, and ESU #17 to provide assistive technology services to Nebraskans, ages birth-21, as part of the ATP/Education Program.

RATIONALE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Through the audit process it was discovered that the mechanism used to fund this agreement was a grant, but it should have been completed via the contracting process. The activities are not new and have been in place for twenty years. Once approved by the Board, the contracts will be completed. The contracts are funded with IDEA, Part B and Part C funds through Special Education and VR federal funds.

Through these contracts:

ESU #2, #7, #16, and #17 will provide professional development activities, training on assistive technology, consultation demonstrations, and awareness activities around assistive technology services in Nebraska.

ESU #10 will provide oversight to the ATP/Ed program, manage the statewide assistive technology loan pool, professional development activities, training on assistive technology, consultation demonstrations, and awareness activities around assistive technology services in Nebraska.

ESTIMATED COST:

ESU #2 — \$108,391
ESU #7 — \$99,934
ESU #10 — \$386,625
ESU #16 — \$86,470
ESU #17 — \$79,812

FOR CONTRACTS AND GRANTS INDICATE THE FUNDING SOURCE

Nebraska VR federal funds and IDEA, Part B and Part C funds through Special Education