



PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM RATIONALE

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PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM: Grant the Commissioner the authority to enter into a contract with the Nebraska Department of Labor, accepting federal grant resources, to create a collaborative Workforce Investment Partners data system.

RATIONALE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Workforce Investment Opportunities Act (WIOA) is a federal program that supports a number of workforce programs through the Department of Labor, Department of Health and Human Services, and the Nebraska Department of Education. As part of the WIOA process, the workforce partners organizations are expected and required to collaborate on services and reporting on these services provided to clients.

The Department of Labor received a federal grant to support collaboration among and across the workforce partners (including Vocational Rehabilitation, Adult Basic Education, and other programs). A project expectation within this grant is to develop a collaborative data sharing system among the workforce partner organizations. To assist in meeting this requirement the Department of Education has set up an MOU contract to accept up to \$400,000 from the Nebraska Department of Labor to complete the work.

By working through a collaborative approach with these resources, a sustainable integrated, and collaborative solution would be built and implemented for the workforce partners. Using resources aligned and implemented with the current ADVISER system created a unique opportunity to leverage existing investments to provide a long term, cost effective solution for Nebraska.

ESTIMATED COST: Nebraska Department of Education would receive up to \$400,000 to complete this project from the Nebraska Department of Labor.