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PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM RATIONALE

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

FROM: Lindy Foley, Director, Nebraska VR

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM:

Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve two contracts with Educational Service Unit #16 (ESU16). ESU16 will implement two four-week summer internship programs, Summer Work Education and Employment Program (SWEEP), one in the mountain time zone and one in the central time zone. These programs will be for students with disabilities, age 14-21, enrolled in high school during the 2019-20 school year.

RATIONALE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Nebraska VR (Vocational Rehabilitation) requested proposals for the development and implementation of innovative short-term programs to provide career exploration and personal development opportunities for transition students with disabilities during the summer of 2019 (4/1/19-8/31/19). The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) mandates that VR agencies set aside 15% of their budgets for pre-employment transition services.

ESTIMATED COST: Contract amounts: \$48,730 and \$43,436 for a total of \$92,166

FOR CONTRACTS AND GRANTS INDICATE THE FUNDING SOURCE

Federal Grant Award H126A1900390 – State Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VR)