



# NEBRASKA

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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 Easterseals Nebraska. Easterseals will conduct the Nebraska Empowered Youth Camp and the Inspiring ChangeMakers leadership training programs. 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: \$17,232 and \$48,805 for a total of \$66,037

#### FOR CONTRACTS AND GRANTS INDICATE THE FUNDING SOURCE

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