



## PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM RATIONALE

**DATE:** January 17, 2024

**TO:** Dr. Brian L. Maher  
Commissioner of Education

**FROM:** Dr. Trudy K Clark, Director of Statewide Assessment

**PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM:** Action Item: Grant the Commissioner the authority to contract with DRC for statewide assessment services for the 2024-2025 school year.

**AGENDA ITEM TYPE (contract/grant/rule/program/other):** Contract

### RATIONALE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- On July 1, 2022, the Nebraska Department of Education entered into a contract with DRC.
- The initial contract was the result of a Request for Proposal to provide a statewide assessment. This RFP met the requirement from 79-760.03.
- The agenda item serves students in grades 3-8, and 11 for English Language Arts and mathematics, and grades 5, 8 and 11 for science.
- The contract is administered through collaboration between DRC and the Department of Education. The initial contract was awarded through the Request for Proposal procurement process.
- This contract will provide deliverables until June 2025.

**PROPOSED BOARD MEETING (MONTH/YEAR):** February 2024

**ESTIMATED COST:** \$1,675,864

### FOR CONTRACTS AND GRANTS:

- Indicate the Funding Source: Federal and State
- New or Renewal: Renewal (amendment)
- If renewal, date of first approval: July 1, 2022

**FOR NEW CONTRACTS OR OTHER CONTRACTS REQUIRING PROCUREMENT:**

- Indicate the method of procurement: NA
- Rationale for method of procurement: NA
- Rationale for contractor selection: NA

**FOR GRANT SUBAWARDS:**

- Describe the grantee selection process: NA

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