



# NEBRASKA

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### PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM RATIONALE

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

**FROM:** Mark Schultz, NDE Deputy Commissioner  
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#### PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM:

Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve contract #38379, #38380, and #38381 with Disability Rights Nebraska (DRN). DRN will conduct a Self-Advocacy for Youth and Disability program for students with disabilities, age 14-21, enrolled in high school during the 2018-19 school year. DRN will also conduct an instruction, education, and support program for the families of those students with disabilities.

#### 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 2018. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) mandates that VR agencies set aside 15% of their budgets for pre-employment transition services. One of several initiatives in the area of pre-employment transition services includes this RFP.

**ESTIMATED COST:** Contract #38379: \$29,640; Contract #38380: \$38,545.44; Contract #38381: \$46,785

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

Federal Grant Award H126A1700390 – State Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VR)