



# NEBRASKA

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### PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM RATIONALE

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

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

Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve contract #38354 with Educational Service #13 (ESU 13). ESU 13 will provide workplace readiness training, and partner with Scottsbluff, NE businesss to create a work-based learning experience for students with disabilities, age 14-21, enrolled in high school during the 18-19 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 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:** \$31,106.98

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

Federal Grant Award H126A1800390 – State Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VR)