



# 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 a contract with PTI Nebraska (Parent Training and Information). PTI will implement Family Employment Awareness Training (FEAT), a knowledge-based program designed to help families, including students with disabilities, to develop expectations for competitive employment and gain knowledge about resources to access and maintain employment. Those served would be families of and 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 from vendors across the state that could provide these pre-employment transition services. Public notice was given on the NDE and Nebraska VR websites, and distributed to local ESU's, school districts, community colleges, and community agencies. All proposals received (4) were scored. Two (2) proposals met the requirements of the RFP and both are being funded.

**ESTIMATED COST:** YR 1 \$177,311; YR 2 \$166,269; YR 3 \$170,477

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

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