Date: **January 9, 2017**

To: **Chief Elected Officials Board & Greater Nebraska Workforce Development Board**

From: **Request for Proposal Committee** (Lisa Wilson, Pam Lancaster, Ann Chambers, Stanley Clouse, & Hal Haeker)

RE: **WIOA Recommendations**

**Executive Summary**

On September 9, 2016 the Nebraska Department of Labor on behalf of the Chief Elected Officials Board and the Greater Nebraska Workforce Development Board issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to provide Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title 1 services. This RFP provided four options for bidding; One Stop Operator service provider, Administrative Entity, Adult and Dislocated Worker service provider, and Youth service provider. At the bidders conference held on October 5, 2016 the following entities attended; Community Action of Nebraska, Ross Innovation Employment Solutions Corporation, Eckerd Youth Alternatives Inc., Maximus Inc., and Arbor E&T LCC d/b/a ResCare Workforce Services. Proposals were due December 1, 2016. One vendor, ResCare bid on the RFP for One Stop Operator, Adult and Dislocated Worker services, and Youth services options. No bids were submitted for the Administrative Entity.

On January 4, 2017 the RFP Committee met to conduct an oral interview with ResCare and to develop recommendations for the three WIOA programs (Adult, Dislocated Worker, & Youth), the One Stop Operator, and the Administrative Entity.

After scoring the written proposal and the oral interview, the committee reached a consensus to recommend the following:

**Recommendation #1**

Ask the Commissioner of Labor, John Albin to continue providing WIOA Title 1 and Administrative Entity services. The reasons included:

* Lack of (WIA/WIOA) experience and actual performance history in a rural geographic area as large as Greater Nebraska by the bidder.
* The cost per participant for two of the three WIOA programs were not as competitive as the current provider (NDOL).
* Number of participants to be served for two of the three WIOA programs were not competitive with current provider.
* For the past ten years the current provider has done an excellent job in meeting program performance, enrollment goals, and expenditure benchmarks.

**Recommendation #2**

If circumstances change in the future, the board should remain open to issuing a new RFP.

**Recommendation #3**

Ask the Administrative Entity to draft options for re-bidding on the One Stop Operator role as soon as possible.