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**NEBRASKA VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (VR)  
PUBLIC NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)  
FOR  
SELF-EMPLOYMENT COST METHODOLOGY STUDY**

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)**

1. Q: How many self-employment providers does NE currently engage? Does NE maintain a list of current and potential providers?  
A: Nebraska VR currently engages two self-employment providers. Nebraska VR does not have a list of any potential providers.
2. Q: In the last year, how many VR eligible individuals have used self-employment services? Of this group, how resulted in a successful case closure?  
A: In the past year, 17 clients have utilized self-employment services. Of that group, six cases have been closed successfully.
3. Q: Does Nebraska VR use a standard business plan format? If so, please provide a sample.  
A: Yes, Nebraska VR has a standard format for the business plan which will be provided to the contractor at the time a contract is signed.
4. Q: Self-employment services can be disability-specific or available to the whole community. For “industry standards”, are you referring to disability-specific services or general industry services? Examples of non-specific services could include SCORE, Small Business Development Centers, a sample of Community Colleges, or a sample of banks who focus on small business.  
A: Nebraska VR is actually referring to both. There are disability specific services such as determining what they might need in the workplace to accommodate their disability (which is part of identifying those assistive technology needs as listed in the RFP), but we also provide general industry services (feasibility studies, business plan development, etc), such as are provided by the agencies you listed above. Regardless, any of those services that Nebraska VR does provide will always be keeping the person’s disability in mind to ensure needs are met and increase likelihood of a successful outcome.
5. Q: Is there a maximum, or estimated, budget for this engagement?  
A: No.
6. Q: Are you able to share the approximate percent of the VR budget allocated to self-employment services as we consider assessing the fiscal impact to the agency?  
A: Information related to the current cost of self-employment services will be provided to the contractor awarded the RFP.