**ACTEN**

**PROGRAM OF WORK**

**2023-24**

**MISSION**

The mission of the Association for Career and Technical Education of Nebraska (ACTEN) is to educate, advocate, and lead with a unified voice for Nebraska Career and Technical Education.

**GOALS**

● **Educate**: ACTEN will increase membership through professional development opportunities, teacher recruitment and public awareness.

● **Advocate**: ACTEN will create a unified voice for Nebraska through legislative advocacy, agency partnerships and collaboration, and the continued promotion of ACTE.

● **Lead**: ACTEN will promote CTE by creating a presence with stakeholders including recognition of performance, and professional development.

**PERFORMANCE INDICATORS, ACTIVITIES, and TIMELINES**

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| **EDUCATE** | | | |
|  | **Performance Indicator** | **Activities** | **Timeline** |
| 1 | Professional Development | Co-sponsor the Nebraska Career Education Conference with the Nebraska Department of  Education | June 2024 |
| 2 | Public Awareness | Promote the importance of career and technical education during CTE Month | February 2024 |
| Engage in stakeholder meetings (Assembly of Delegates, Nebraska Department of Education stakeholder groups) using available resources | Ongoing |
| Collaborate with division leadership to share CTE program stories and successes in ACTEN communications and social media spotlights that “tell the NOW story” of Nebraska CTE programs and ReVISION schools | Ongoing |
| Emails from leadership to ACTEN membership alerting them of items of mutual interest | Ongoing |

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| 3 | Membership | Survey membership every 3-5 years to gather feedback on topics of mutual interest in support of membership and continuous improvement of ACTEN | 2025-26 |

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| **ADVOCATE** | | | |
|  | **Performance Indicator** | **Activities** | **Timeline** |
| 1 | Unified Voice | Promote the importance of career and technical education to NE Legislature, State Board of Education, Board of Education, School Administrators, policy and decision makers during CTE Month | February 2024 |
| 2 | CTE Month | Partner with NDE to support a statewide initiative promoting CTE during CTE Month | February 2024 |
| Promote CTE career student organizations in one philanthropic effort including the “CSO Legislative Day” proclamation signing | February 2024 |
| 3 | Voice for CTE with Policy Makers including Legislation | Maintain active file of resources, data, success stories at the ready to share on demand | Ongoing |
| Communicate with legislators at the state and national level on matters key to CTE | Ongoing |
| Present or sponsor a rotation session on Legislative Advocacy at the NCE conference (ACTE presenter) | June 2024 |
| Financially Support representation at the Career Tech VISION conference and the National Policy Seminar | Nov/Dec 2023 March 2024 |

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| **LEAD** | | | |
|  | **Performance Indicator** | **Activities** | **Timeline** |
| 1 | Grow CTE Leadership | Sponsor leadership workshops and trainings (ACTE Statewide Leadership Training Series) | Ongoing |
| Conduct Fall and Winter Board meetings following established protocol and agenda items | October 7, 2023  January 2024 |
| 2 | Presence with Stakeholders | Communication to stakeholders on topics of common interest including opportunities for ACTEN board members to present at the state level (legislative, public policy) and with pre-service teachers at local colleges encouraging membership and participation in NCE activities | Ongoing |
| 3 | Membership Recognition | Annually recognize ACTEN members as part of the awards program at NCE | June 2024 |
| 4 | Increase Membership | Increase membership in ACTEN by advocating for schools to pay ACTEN membership fees for CTE teachers and administrators | Ongoing |