

**ACTEN
PROGRAM OF WORK
2024-25**

MISSION

The mission of ACTEN is to provide educational leadership to develop a Nebraska-centered, college and career ready workforce.

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

EDUCATE			
	Performance Indicator	Activities	Timeline & Person(s) Responsible
1	Professional Development & Member Engagement	Co-sponsor the Nebraska Career Education Conference with the Nebraska Department of Education	June 9-12, 2025 ACTEN Board
2	Advocacy, Awareness, & Access	Promote the importance of career and technical education during CTE Month	February 2025 Public Relations Committee
		Engage in stakeholder meetings (Assembly of Delegates, Nebraska Department of Education stakeholder groups) using available resources	Ongoing ACTEN Board & ACTEN Members
		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	Quarterly Public Relations Committee
		Emails from leadership to ACTEN membership alerting them of items of mutual interest	Ongoing Murleen Bellinger

3	Member Value and Engagement	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 Murleen Bellinger
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ADVOCATE			
	Performance Indicator	Activities	Timeline & Person(s) Responsible
1	Advocacy, Awareness, & Access	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 2025 Katie Graham, Sydney Kobza Jean Condon
2	Member Value and Engagement	Partner with NDE to support a statewide initiative promoting CTE during CTE Month	February 2025 ACTEN Board
		Promote CTE career student organizations in one philanthropic effort including the “CSO Legislative Day” proclamation signing	February 2025 ACTEN Board
3	Advocacy, Awareness, & Access	Maintain active file of resources, data, success stories at the ready to share on demand	Ongoing Murleen Bellinger
		Communicate with legislators at the state and national level on matters key to CTE	Ongoing Katie Graham, Sydney Kobza Jean Condon
		Present or sponsor a rotation session on Legislative Advocacy at the NCE conference (ACTE presenter)	June 2025 Katie Graham, Sydney Kobza Rick Painter
		Financially Support representation at the Career Tech VISION conference and the National Policy Seminar	Nov/Dec 2024 March 2025 ACTEN Board

LEAD			
	Performance Indicator	Activities	Timeline & Person(s) Responsible
1	Member Value and Engagement	Sponsor leadership workshops and trainings (ACTE Statewide Leadership Training Series)	Ongoing ACTEN Board
		Conduct Fall and Winter Board meetings following established protocol and agenda items	October 2024 January 2025
2	Member Value and Engagement	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 ACTEN Board
3	Professional Development & Member Engagement	Annually recognize ACTEN members as part of the awards program at NCE	June 2025 ACTEN Board
4	Member Value and Engagement	Increase membership in ACTEN by advocating for schools to pay ACTEN membership fees for CTE teachers and administrators	Ongoing ACTEN Board and Members