Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

May 15, 2014

Agenda Item: Iowa Jobs for America’s Graduates (iJAG)

Iowa Goal: Individuals will pursue postsecondary education in order to drive economic success.

State Board Role/Authority: In addition to statutory authority, the State Board provides advocacy for the system of education in Iowa.

Presenter: Laurie Phelan, President and CEO iJAG

Attachments: None

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board hear and discuss this information.

Background: iJAG is an independent, statewide private nonprofit corporation established in 1999 and has become a leader within the national JAG network. Initially created for high school seniors as a school-to-work program, iJAG has evolved into an organization serving more than 1,500 students per year in 35 programs (30 schools), reaching into multiple communities across the state of Iowa and Illinois.