

July 1, 2002

Honorable Ray Christensen
Secretary of Education
Department of Education and Cultural Affairs
700 Governors Drive
Pierre, SD 57501-2291

Dear Secretary Christensen:

We have determined that South Dakota's application for Fiscal Year (FY) 2002 funds, under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (Part C), can be approved. Therefore, I am enclosing your State's Part C grant award.

The approval is based upon our receipt of your assurances for FY 2002. This includes the assurance from the Department of Education and Cultural Affairs that the statewide system of early intervention services required by Part C and its implementing regulations is in effect.

The enclosed grant award for FY 2002 is made with the continued understanding that this Office may, from time to time, require clarification of information within your application and appendices, if necessary. These inquiries are needed to allow us to appropriately carry out our administrative responsibilities related to Part C.

We appreciate your ongoing commitment to the provision of quality early intervention services to infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.

Sincerely,

Stephanie S. Lee
Director
Office of Special Education Programs

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Barb Hemmelman
Part C Coordinator