



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

JUL 11 2005

Honorable Mario Katosang  
Minister of Education  
Republic of Palau  
P. O. Box 189  
Korrer, PW 96940

Dear Minister Katosang:

This is to inform you that we have conditionally approved the Republic of Palau's Eligibility Documents, including assurances and certifications, for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2005 under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Our determination that you are eligible for conditional approval is based on our receipt of the Republic of Palau's application submitted by the Ministry of Education to the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), on May 9, 2005, and amended on June 24, 2005 (Assurances) in which it assures that it will:

1. Operate consistent with all requirements of PL 108-446 and applicable regulations; and
2. Make such changes to existing policies and procedures as are necessary to bring those policies and procedures into compliance with the requirements of Part B of the IDEA, as amended, as soon as possible, and not later than July 1, 2006. Section II of the Republic of Palau's application (which is incorporated by reference and enclosed with this grant letter) identifies the IDEA statutory sections for which the Republic of Palau needs to amend policies and procedures and the timelines by which the Republic of Palau will amend its policies and procedures in order to comply with Part B of the IDEA. Within Section II, the Republic of Palau has included the date by which it expects to complete necessary changes associated with any policies and procedures that are not yet in compliance with the requirements of Part B of the IDEA, as amended.

Please note that as part of your Eligibility Documents for FFY 2005, the Republic of Palau has made an assurance, under 34 CFR §80.11(c), that it will comply with all applicable Federal statutes and regulations in effect with respect to the periods for which it receives grant funding. Any changes made by the Republic of Palau, after OSEP approval, to policies and procedures needed to comply with Part B of the IDEA, must meet the applicable public participation requirements, including those in 20 U.S.C. 1232d(b)(7).

Enclosed is a grant awards for funds currently available under the Department of Education FFY 2005 Appropriations Act for the Part B Section 611 (Grants to States) program. These funds are for use primarily in school year 2005-2006 and are available for obligation from July 1, 2005 through September 30, 2007.

We appreciate your ongoing commitment to the provision of quality educational services to children with disabilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Troy R. Justesen".

Troy R. Justesen  
Acting Director  
Office of Special Education  
Programs

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Evans Imetengel  
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