



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

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Honorable Thomas M. Dowd
Director
Office of Indian Education Programs
Bureau of Indian Education
1849 C St. NW
MS-3512, MFB
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Director Dowd:

Enclosed is the Department of Interior's Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2007 funds under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). It is our understanding that the funds will be distributed to tribes, tribal organizations, or consortia on the reservations that are served by elementary and secondary schools operated or funded by the U.S. Department of the Interior for Indian children. These funds received by tribes, tribal organizations, or consortia must be used to assist States in conducting child find, screening and parent training and may be used to provide early intervention services to infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families under Part C of the IDEA

Section 606 provides that each recipient of assistance under IDEA make positive efforts to employ and advance in employment qualified individuals with disabilities. Therefore, by accepting this grant, the Bureau of Indian Education is expressly agreeing as a condition of IDEA funding to ensuring that positive efforts are made to employ and advance employment of qualified individuals with disabilities.

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

Sincerely,

Patricia J. Guard
Acting Director
Office of Special Education Programs

Enclosure

cc: Supervisor
Early Childhood Education