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

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Honorable Masa-Aki Emesiochl
Minister of Education
Palau Ministry of Education
Post Office Box 189
Koror, Republic of Palau 96940

Dear Minister Emesiochl:

We have approved the Republic of Palau's application for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2010 funds under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA or Part B). Our approval is based on review of the application submitted by the Ministry of Education (MOE) to the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), on May 7, 2010, including assurances provided in Section II and incorporated by reference to this letter as noted in Enclosure A. In addition, the Republic of Palau provided specific assurances that it will operate consistently with Part B and applicable regulations.

Please note that as part of your application for FFY 2010, the Republic of Palau has made an assurance, in 34 CFR §80.11(c), that it will comply with all applicable Federal statutes and regulations in effect during the FFY 2010 grant period. Any changes made by the Republic of Palau, after OSEP approval, to information that is a part of your application, must meet the public participation requirements in 34 CFR §300.165.

Enclosed is the Republic of Palau's grant award for funds currently available under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010 -- P.L. 111-117 for the Part B Section 611 (Grants to States) program. These funds are available for obligation by States from July 1, 2010 through September 30, 2012 in accordance with 34 CFR §76.709.

The amount shown in your award for the Section 611 program is only part of the total funds that will be awarded to you for FFY 2010. Of the $11,505,211,000 appropriated for Section 611 in FFY 2010, $2,912,828,000 is available for awards on July 1, 2010, and $8,592,383,000 will be available for awards on October 1, 2010.

Under the Section 611 formula, subject to certain maximum and minimum funding requirements, State allocations are based on the amount that each State received from FFY 1999 funds, the general population in the age range for which each State ensures a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to all children with disabilities, and the number of children living in poverty in the age range for which each State ensures FAPE to all children with disabilities.

Enclosure B provides a short description of how Section 611 funds were allocated and how those funds can be used. In addition, Table I in Enclosure B shows funding levels for distribution of Section 611 funds and the parameters for within-State allocations.[1]

[1] Pursuant to language contained in the Department of Education Appropriations Act in 2010, the Part B funds awarded to States under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for FFY 2009 were not considered for purposes of calculating State allocations under Section 611 for FFY 2010.

The enclosed grant award of FFY 2010 funds is made with the continued understanding that this Office may, from time to time, require clarification of information within your application, if necessary. These inquiries may be necessary to allow us to appropriately carry out our administrative responsibilities related to Part B.

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

Sincerely,

Alexa Posny

Alexa Posny, Ph.D.
Acting Director
Office of Special Education Programs

Enclosures

Enclosure A
Enclosure B

cc: Director of Special Education