



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

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Honorable Nidel Lorak  
Minister of Education  
Republic of the Marshall Islands  
P.O. Box 3  
Majuro, Marshall Islands 96960

Dear Minister Lorak:

We have conditionally approved the Republic of the Marshall Islands' (RMI's) application for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2011 funds under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA Part B). Our conditional approval is based on our review of the application submitted by the RMI Ministry of Education to the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), on May 9, 2011 and May 18, 2011, including the assurances provided in Section II and incorporated by reference to this letter as noted in Enclosure A. In addition, RMI provided specific assurances that it will:

1. Operate consistently with IDEA Part B 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 IDEA Part B as soon as possible, and not later than June 30, 2012. Within Section II of its application, RMI has included, for each assurance it cannot meet at this time, the date by which it expects to complete necessary changes to any policies and procedures that are not yet in compliance with the requirements of IDEA Part B.

Please note that as part of your application for FFY 2011, RMI has made an assurance, pursuant to 34 CFR §80.11(c), that it will comply with all applicable Federal statutes and regulations in effect during the FFY 2011 grant period. Any changes made by RMI, after OSEP approval, to information that is a part of RMI's application, must meet the public participation requirements in 34 CFR §300.165.

Enclosed is RMI's grant award for funds currently available under the Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011 -- P.L. 112-10 for the IDEA Part B Section 611 (Grants to States) program. These funds are available for obligation by States from July 1, 2011 through September 30, 2013 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 2011. Of the \$11,482,200,578 appropriated for Section 611 in FFY 2011, \$2,889,817,578 is available for awards on July 1, 2011, and \$8,592,383,000 will be available for awards on October 1, 2011. Under the Section 611 formula, in a year in which the amount available for allocation to States decreases from the prior year, but is greater than the

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1999 level, any amount available for allocation to States above the 1999 level is allocated based on the relative increases in funding that the States received between 1999 and the prior year.

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.

The enclosed grant award of FFY 2011 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 IDEA Part B.

As a reminder, within 30 days of July 1, 2011, all prime recipients of IDEA (Part B or Part C) funds must report subaward information as required by the Federal Financial Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (FFATA), as amended in 2008. FFATA guidance is found at <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/rms-web-conferences.html>. Please contact your State's Recovery Act Facilitator if you have further questions.

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

Sincerely,



Melody Musgrove, Ed.D.  
Director  
Office of Special Education Programs

Enclosures

Enclosure A  
Enclosure B

cc: Director of Special Education