



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

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Honorable Keith O. Moore
Director
Bureau of Indian Education
1849 C St. NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Director Moore:

Enclosed are the U.S. Department of Interior's (DOI) Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2011 funds under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). These funds are to be distributed under IDEA section 643(b) to those tribes, tribal organizations (as defined by Section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act), or consortia of those tribal entities on reservations that are served by elementary and secondary schools for Indian children operated or funded by the DOI, the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE).

Under IDEA section 643(b)(4), tribes, tribal organizations, or their consortia must use these funds to assist State lead agencies in child find, screening and other procedures for the early identification of children under three years of age who may be eligible for early intervention services under Part C of the IDEA as well as to provide parent training or early intervention services to infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families who reside on reservations. These funds are also issued with the understanding that the BIE will continue to submit the required annual and biennial reports under IDEA sections 618(a)(1)(B) and (C) and 643(b)(5) and 34 CFR §303.180(c) regarding the identification of, and provision of early intervention services to, infants and toddlers with disabilities and payments made by the BIE to tribal entities.

The enclosed funds reflect the adjustments made necessary by calculation errors in the Department's IDEA Part C payments for FFY 2009 and FFY 2010 to DOI, as described in OSEP's letters of December 3, 2010 and June 13, 2011.

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 the BIE's ongoing commitment to the identification of, and provision of early intervention services to, infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families residing on reservations.

Sincerely,



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cc: Supervisor, BIE Early Childhood Education