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MEMORANDUM

TO: Lead Agency Directors
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FROM: Patricia J. Guard *Patricia J. Guard*
Acting Director
Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)

SUBJECT: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Part C Grants for Infants and Families Program

Enclosed is your State's April 2009 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C grant award under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Act or the ARRA). The enclosed award represents fifty percent (50%) of your State's award under the ARRA Part C Grants to Infants and Families program (ARRA IDEA Part C funds). These funds are provided in accordance with section 807 of the ARRA, which allows the Secretary to award these ARRA funds on the basis of IDEA eligibility determinations made for fiscal year (FY) 2008 and your provision of the certification required by section 1607 of the ARRA. The effective date of the grant awards transmitted with this memo is February 17, 2009. Acceptance by your State of this grant award constitutes an agreement by the State to comply with the conditions in Enclosure A and Box 10 on the enclosed Grant Award Notification. Please note that as part of your application for FY 2008, your State made an assurance, as required by 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.

It is important to note that the ARRA IDEA Part C grants are a supplemental appropriation to the annual FY 2009 IDEA Part C Grants to Infants and Families program that will be distributed to eligible States on July 1, 2009.

The remaining 50% of your State's ARRA IDEA Part C funds will be available to your State by September 30, 2009. As detailed in Enclosure A, States are required to track and account for the ARRA IDEA Part C funds separately from the regular IDEA Part C grant award funds. In order to receive the remaining funds, your State will need to submit, for review and approval by the Department, additional information that addresses how the State will meet the accountability and reporting requirements in section 1512 of the ARRA. The second half of the award will be made by September 30, 2009, upon approval of the State's recordkeeping and reporting submission. The Department will issue specific guidance for preparing and submitting this recordkeeping and reporting information and other guidance governing ARRA funds in the coming weeks.

Enclosure A provides the terms and conditions of receipt of these funds. Acceptance by your State of this grant award constitutes an agreement by the State to comply with the terms and conditions in Enclosure A.

Enclosure B shows State-by-State FY 2009 funding levels of IDEA Part C funds.

This one-time large increment in IDEA Part C funding offers States a unique opportunity to improve early intervention services and results for infants and toddlers with disabilities. We appreciate your ongoing commitment and look forward to working with your State in its provision of quality early intervention services to infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.

For additional information on the ARRA, please visit the Department's Web site at <http://www.ed.gov> or <http://www.recovery.gov>.

Enclosures

Enclosure A

Enclosure B