



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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Theresa Hawley
Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development
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Dear Ms. Hawley,

This letter is in response to Illinois' request to amend its approved Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge (RTT-ELC) budget. The State submitted an amendment request to the U.S. Departments of Education and Health and Human Services (the Departments) on August 2, 2013. As you are aware, the Departments have the authority to approve amendments provided that such a change does not alter the scope or objectives of the approved proposal.

The following amendment request is approved, as described below:

- Core Personnel Budget – line item 1. Personnel; will be increased by a total \$336,034 for the Workforce Policy Director's salary for the duration of the grant. The new total for this line item is \$1,097,908.00.
- Core Personnel Budget – line item 2. Fringe; will be increased by a total of \$225,143 for the Workforce Policy Director's fringe across the four years of the grant. The new total for line item 2. Fringe will be \$762, 211.
- Core Personnel Budget – line item 5. Supplies; will be increased \$700.00 to procure a computer for the Workforce Policy Director's position. The new total for line item 5. Supplies will be \$15,907.
- Core Personnel Budget – line item 10. Indirect Costs; will increase \$92,148.00 due to the redistribution of funds from line item 11, Funds to be distributed to localities... line item to Personnel, Fringe Benefits, and Supplies. The new total for line item 10. Indirect costs for the Core Personnel budget will be \$332,997.
- Core Personnel Budget – line item 11. Funds to be distributed to localities...; will be reduced by \$524,684.00. These funds will be reallocated to Personnel, Fringe, Supplies, and Indirect costs to support the Workforce Policy Director's salary, fringe, and computer procurement along with associated indirect costs. The new total for line item 11. Funds to be distributed to localities... will be \$557,875.
- Targeted High Need Community Improvement Project – line item 11. Funds to be distributed to localities; will be reduced by \$129,341.00 in Grant Year Three due to a delay in hiring. As a result the project will have unused personnel funds that have will be reallocated to the Core Personnel Budget for the Workforce Policy Director's position. The new adjust total for Targeted High Need community Improvement Project for Grant Year 3's budget is \$2,449,018.

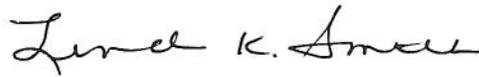
It is our understanding that this amendment will not result in a change in your State's performance measures and outcomes, participation rates, and grant activities, nor will delays in spending funds substantially change the scope of work. Please note that this letter will be posted on the Department of Education's website as a record of the amendment request.

We are confident that Illinois will continue its comprehensive efforts towards building successful state systems of early learning. If you need any assistance regarding RTT-ELC, please do not hesitate to contact your Project Officer, Miriam Lund, at (202) 401-2871 or Miriam.Lund@ed.gov.

Sincerely,



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