



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

January 9, 2013

The Honorable Lincoln Chafee
Office of the Governor
State House
Providence, Rhode Island 02903-1196

Dear Governor Chafee:

I am writing in response to Rhode Island's request to amend an approved Race to the Top grant performance measure. Between December 7, 2012 and December 20, 2012, the State submitted documentation to and held conversations with the U.S. Department of Education to support an amendment request to its approved Race to the Top plan. As you are aware, the Department has the authority to approve amendments to your plan and budget, provided that such a change does not alter the scope or objectives of the approved proposal. On October 4, 2011, the Department sent a letter and revised "Grant Amendment Submission Process" document to Governors of grantee States indicating the process by which amendments would be reviewed and approved or denied. To determine whether approval could be granted, the Department has applied the conditions noted in the document, and compared it with the Race to the Top program *Principles*, which are also included in that document.

I approve the following amendment, as described below:

- Revise the language in performance measure (C)(3)(i) regarding the number of Using Data Professional Development cohorts that will be trained during the grant period from three to two. This change is in alignment with the amended timeline for this project wherein the trainings take place in summers 2012 and 2013 (see Amendment 1: April 8, 2011). A copy of the revised performance measure table for (C)(3)(i) is attached in Appendix A.

It is our understanding that this amendment will not result in a change in your State's other performance measures and outcomes, nor will it substantially change the scope of work. Please note that this letter will be posted on the Department's website as a record of the amendments.

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If you need any assistance or have any questions regarding Race to the Top, please do not hesitate to contact your Race to the Top program officer, Monika Bandyopadhyay, 202-260-2531 or monika.bandyopadhyay@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

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