



Office of the Governor

July 13, 2010

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U. S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
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Attention: (CFDA Number 84.395A) PR AWARD S395A100064
LBJ Basement Level 1
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Washington, DC 20202-4260

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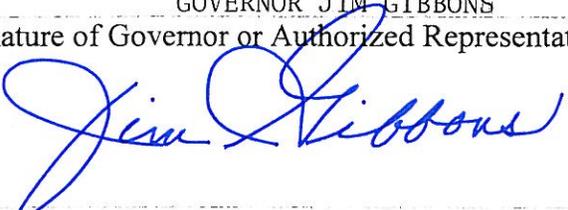
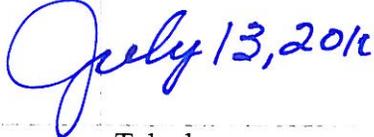
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(CFDA No. 84.395A)**

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Employer Identification Number: NDE: 88600022	Organizational DUNS: NDE: 809887722
State Race to the Top Contact Name: (Single point of contact for communication) DR. KEITH RHEAULT	Contact Position and Office: SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Contact Telephone: (775) 687-9217	Contact E-mail Address: krheault@doe.nv.gov
Required Applicant Signatures:	
To the best of my knowledge and belief, all of the information and data in this application are true and correct.	
I further certify that I have read the application, am fully committed to it, and will support its implementation:	
Governor or Authorized Representative of the Governor (Printed Name): GOVERNOR JIM GIBBONS	Telephone: 775-684-5670
Signature of Governor or Authorized Representative of the Governor: 	Date: 
Chief State School Officer (Printed Name): Keith W. Rheault	Telephone: 775-687-9217
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State Attorney General Certification

I certify that the State's description of, and statements and conclusions concerning, State law, statute, and regulation in its application are complete, accurate, and constitute a reasonable interpretation of State law, statute, and regulation.

(See especially Eligibility Requirement (b), Selection Criteria (B)(1), (D)(1), (E)(1), (F)(2), (F)(3).)

I certify that the State does not have any legal, statutory, or regulatory barriers at the State level to linking data on student achievement (as defined in this notice) or student growth (as defined in this notice) to teachers and principals for the purpose of teacher and principal evaluation.

State Attorney General or Authorized Representative (Printed Name):

STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL CATHERINE CORTEZ MASTO

Telephone:

775-684-1100

Signature of the State Attorney General or Authorized Representative:

C. Cortez Masto for
Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto

Date:

7/12/10

IV. ACCOUNTABILITY, TRANSPARENCY, REPORTING AND OTHER ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS

Accountability, Transparency and Reporting Assurances

The Governor or his/her authorized representative assures that the State will comply with all of the accountability, transparency, and reporting requirements that apply to the Race to the Top program, including the following:

- For each year of the program, the State will submit a report to the Secretary, at such time and in such manner as the Secretary may require, that describes:
 - the uses of funds within the State;
 - how the State distributed the funds it received;
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 - the State's progress in reducing inequities in the distribution of highly qualified teachers, implementing a State longitudinal data system, and developing and implementing valid and reliable assessments for limited English proficient students and students with disabilities; and
 - if applicable, a description of each modernization, renovation, or repair project approved in the State application and funded, including the amounts awarded and project costs (ARRA Division A, Section 14008)
- The State will cooperate with any U.S. Comptroller General evaluation of the uses of funds and the impact of funding on the progress made toward closing achievement gaps (ARRA Division A, Section 14009)
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Other Assurances and Certifications

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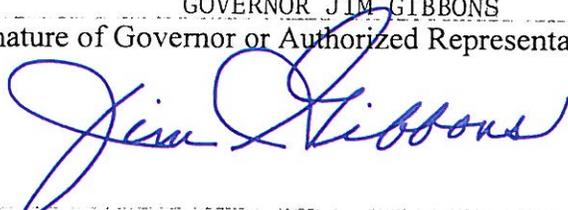
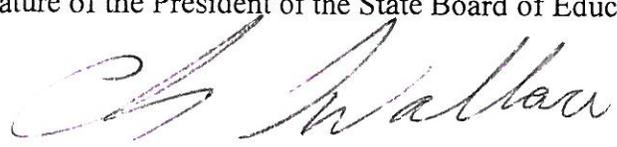
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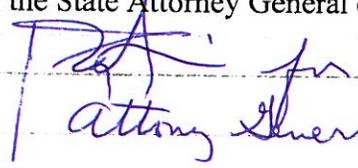
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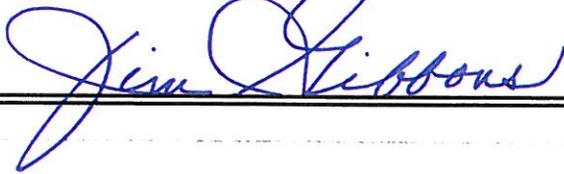
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