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Dear Mr. Galea'i:

The Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) acknowledges your submission via RSA's management information system (MIS) of the fiscal year (FY) 2012 State Plan for the Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Services Program and Supplement for the Supported Employment (SE) Services Program in the form of a preprint of affirmative assurances and required attachments on behalf of American Samoa Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) in compliance with Sections 101(a) and 625 of the *Rehabilitation Act of 1973*, as amended (the act). In addition, RSA acknowledges receipt of the assurance of compliance submitted in conjunction with the State Plan on July 22, 2011.

The State Plan, in the form of a preprint of affirmative assurances and all required attachments, and the assurance of compliance were reviewed to ensure conformity with statutory provisions of the act, implementing regulations and the administrative requirements of RSA. RSA approves the OVR State Plan for the VR and SE programs based on the submitted preprint of affirmative assurances, required attachments and the assurance of compliance submitted in conjunction with the State Plan on July 22, 2011.

In accordance with this approval of these State Plan updates and the accompanying assurance, RSA is making available to American Samoa its fiscal year (FY) 2012 Title I, Part B, and Title VI, Part B, grant awards. Please be advised that RSA will closely monitor OVR's activities in support of the assurance it has made. As a component of that monitoring, RSA may request that OVR provide periodic updates on the status of these activities.

The approved FY 2012 OVR State Plan will be published by RSA and available to the general public on RSA's MIS by Monday, October 3, 2011. Individuals who wish to read the State Plan at that time may visit http://rsamis.ed.gov/view_info.cfm, select the appropriate state, search for "VR State Plan" and select "View the VR State Plan."

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact your state liaison, Terry Martin, at (202) 245-7275 or Terrence.Martin@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

Lynnae M. Ruttledge
Commissioner

cc: Terry Martin