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Dr. Eric J. Smith
Commissioner of Education
Florida Department of Education
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Dear Dr. Smith:

The Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) acknowledges your electronic submission via RSA's management information system (MIS) of the State Plan for the Title I Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Services Program and Supplement for the Title VI-B Supported Employment (SE) Services Program in the form of a preprint of affirmative assurances and required attachments on behalf of the Florida Division of Blind Services (FDBS) in compliance with Sections 101(a) and 625 of the *Rehabilitation Act of 1973*, as amended (the act).

The State Plan, in the form of a preprint of affirmative assurances and required attachments, was reviewed to ensure conformity with statutory provisions of the act, implementing regulations and the administrative requirements of RSA. Based on this review, the State Plan is approved. In accordance with the approval of the State Plan materials, RSA is making available to Florida its fiscal year (FY) 2012 Title I, Part B, and Title VI, Part B, grant awards.

The approved FY 2012 FDBS 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 or your staff have questions related to this review or the approval of the FY 2012 State Plan, please contact your state liaison, Christy Cavataio, at 202-245-6123 or Christyne.Cavataio@ed.gov.

We appreciate your timely submission of this information and your continuing efforts to assist individuals with disabilities to achieve high-quality employment outcomes.

Sincerely,

For Edward Mattey

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Commissioner

cc: Joyce Hildreth
Christy Cavataio