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Michelle R.B. Saddler
Secretary
Department of Human Services
401 South Clinton Street, 7th Floor
Chicago, IL 60607

Dear Ms. Saddler:

The Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) acknowledges your electronic submission via the RSA management information system (MIS) of the fiscal year (FY) 2012 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 Illinois Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) 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 assurances, submitted on June 30, 2011, to complete the activities necessary to fulfill the assurances under which the FY 2011 State Plan was approved.

The State Plan, in the form of a preprint of affirmative assurances and any required attachments, and the assurances of compliance were reviewed to ensure conformity with statutory provisions of the act, implementing regulations and the administrative requirements of RSA. RSA approves the DRS State Plan for the VR and SE programs based on the submitted preprint of affirmative assurances, required attachments and the assurances to complete the activities necessary to fulfill the assurances under which the FY 2011 State Plan was approved and submitted in conjunction with the FY 2012 State Plan.

In accordance with this approval of the State Plan and accompanying assurances, RSA is making available to Illinois its FY 2012 Title I, Part B, and Title VI, Part B, grant awards. Please be advised that RSA will closely monitor DRS' activities in support of the assurances it has made.

The approved FY 2012 DRS 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."

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If you have any questions about this letter, please contact your state liaison, Tonya Stellar, at (202) 245-6638 or tonya.stellar@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynnae M. Ruttledge". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L".

Lynnae M. Ruttledge
Commissioner

cc: Kristine A. Smith
Tonya Stellar