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Ms. Jeanne S. Paquette
Commissioner
Maine Department of Labor
Maine Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired
150 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0150

Dear Ms. Paquette:

The Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) acknowledges your electronic submission via RSA's Web site 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 Maine Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired (DBVI) 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 Maine its fiscal year (FY) 2013 Title I, Part B, and Title VI, Part B, grant awards.

RSA acknowledges that the previous commissioner, Robert J. Winglass, was the signatory on the electronic submission of the State Plan on June 28, 2012; however, this correspondence is being directed to you as the duly sworn commissioner as of September 7, 2012.

The approved FY 2013 DBVI State Plan will be published by RSA and available to the general public on RSA's Web site by Monday, October 1, 2012. Individuals, who wish to read the State Plan at that time, may visit <http://rsa.ed.gov>, 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 2013 State Plan, please contact your state liaison, James Billy, at (202) 245-7273 or james.billy@ed.gov.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Edward Anthony".

Edward Anthony, Ph.D.
Deputy Commissioner

cc: John McMahon
James Billy