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Dear Dr. Van Zandt:

The Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) acknowledges your submission via RSA's Web site of the fiscal year (FY) 2013 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 the Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (NCBVI) 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 August 28, 2012.

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 NCBVI 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 August 28, 2012.

In accordance with this approval of these State Plan updates and the accompanying assurance, RSA is making available to Nebraska its fiscal year (FY) 2013 Title I, Part B, and Title VI, Part B, grant awards. Please be advised that RSA will closely monitor NCBVI's activities in support of the assurance it has made. As a component of that monitoring, RSA may request that NCBVI provide periodic updates on the status of these activities.

The approved FY 2013 NCBVI 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 have any questions about this letter, please contact your state liaison, Tim Beatty, at (202) 245-6156 or timothy.beatty@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Commissioner

cc: Tim Beatty