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Mr. Stephen H. Suroviec
Executive Director
Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation
1521 N. 6th Street
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Dear Mr. Suroviec:

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 Pennsylvania 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 assurances, submitted on September 13, 2012, to complete the activities necessary to fulfill the assurances under which the FY 2012 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 OVR 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 2012 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 Pennsylvania its FY 2013 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 assurances it has made.

The approved FY 2013 OVR 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."

OVR has made significant progress in conducting a comprehensive statewide needs assessment that will, in turn, lead to the development of measurable program goals and priorities to ensure that the agency is meeting the VR needs of Pennsylvanians with disabilities.

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If you have any questions about this letter, please contact your state liaison, Charles Sadler, at (202) 245-7514 or charles.sadler@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward Anthony".

Edward Anthony, Ph.D.
Deputy Commissioner

cc: Charles Sadler