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Christopher E. Finch  
Commissioner  
Department of Human Services  
Knud Hansen Complex, Building A  
1303 Hospital Ground  
St. Thomas, V.I. 00802

Dear Mr. Finch:

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 Virgin Islands Division for Disabilities and Rehabilitation Services (VIDDRS) 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 July 19, 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 VIDDRS 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 July 19, 2012.

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

The approved FY 2013 VIDDRS 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."

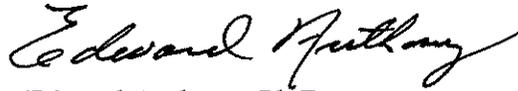
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If you have any questions about this letter, please contact your state liaison, Fred Isbister, at 202-245-7385 or [fred.isbister@ed.gov](mailto:fred.isbister@ed.gov).

Sincerely,

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

Edward Anthony, Ph.D.  
Deputy Commissioner

cc: Felicia Blyden  
Fred Isbister