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Dear Ms. Saddler:

The Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) acknowledges your electronic submission 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 Illinois Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) 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 fiscal year (FY) 2015 State Plan is approved. In addition, DRS has submitted, and RSA approves, an additional assurance to complete the activities necessary to comply with the federal requirements as stated in the FY 2015 preprint. This additional assurance was submitted under Section 1 of the preprint and is signed and dated separately by the individual authorized to execute the State Plan. In accordance with the approval of the State Plan materials, RSA is making available to Illinois its FY 2015 Title I, Part B, and Title VI, Part B, grant awards.

The approved FY 2015 DRS State Plan will be published by RSA and available to the general public on RSA's website by Wednesday, October 1, 2014. Individuals, who wish to read the State Plan at that time, may visit <http://rsa.ed.gov>, and then select "About Your State."

If you and your staff have questions related to this review or the approval of the FY 2015 State Plan, please contact your state liaison, Tonya Stellar, at (202) 245-6638 or tonya.stellar@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,

/s/

Janet L. LaBreck
Commissioner

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Tonya Stellar