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The Honorable Charlie Crist
Office of the Governor
State of Florida
PL-05 The Capitol
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor Crist,

Once again, congratulations on being selected as a winner of the Race to the Top competition. I appreciate your State's participation in the September 16 meeting hosted by the Department and look forward to working with you over the next four years as you implement your bold education reform agenda.

I am pleased to provide the enclosed grant award notification (GAN) for your State's Race to the Top funds under section 14006 (State Incentive Grants) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). These funds are being awarded on the basis of your approved budget of \$700,000,000.

This award is subject to the attached grant conditions related to administering the grant, monitoring sub-recipients, and maintaining adequate financial controls. In addition, the grant is subject to ARRA conditions in such areas as reporting and wage rate requirements. As part of the conditions of receiving Race to the Top funding, Florida may draw down no more than twelve and a half percent of the grant at this time, which equals \$87,500,000. (Twelve and a half percent is equivalent to one year of the State's portion of the funding.) Funds may be drawn down only as they are needed, and their use must be consistent with the implementation of Florida's Race to the Top plan and in support of accomplishing its proposed milestones.

The remaining balance of the award will be available after the U.S. Department of Education receives and reviews (a) the final scopes of work for all of Florida's participating local educational agencies (LEAs), and (b) a detailed scope of work for Florida's project that is consistent with its approved application. As we have communicated previously, the required scopes of work must be submitted no later than November 22, 2010.

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If you have any questions concerning your Race to the Top award, please contact Jim Yun at (202)205-4012 or jimmy.yun@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

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Interim Director, Race to the Top

cc: Eric Smith
Linda Champion

Enclosure: Grant Award Notification with Attachments

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