



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

June 20, 2012

The Honorable Janice Brewer
Office of the Governor
1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Governor Brewer:

I would like to thank Superintendent Huppenthal and the staff at the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) for their hard work and collaboration with us as your State begins to implement its Race to the Top grant. On April 2, 2012, we received the final scopes of work for all of Arizona's participating local educational agencies (LEAs), and a detailed scope of work for Arizona's projects that is consistent with its approved application. We approve the State's scope of work and the format of the LEA scopes of work; the State and LEA scopes of work include specific goals, activities, timeline, budgets, key personnel, and annual targets for key performance measures.

Through our conversations with the ADE team, we understand that the State has conditionally approved the LEA scopes of work for year 2 of the grant. The State will require the LEAs to provide detailed work plans for years 2-4 of the grant before final approval. The State will support the LEAs to refine the work plans. We support your plan to continue to work with LEAs as they revise their scopes of work in the future as this is consistent with our belief that the State's and LEAs' scopes of work are living documents that may be subject to additional review and revision where appropriate over time.

On December 22, 2011, Arizona received a grant of \$25,080,554 with the condition that the State draw down no more than 12.5 percent of the grant prior to approval of the State's scope of work. I am pleased to notify you that the remaining balance of the award is now available to the State. Funds may be drawn down only as they are needed, and their use must be consistent with the implementation of Arizona's Race to the Top plan and in support of accomplishing its proposed milestones.

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If you have any questions concerning your Race to the Top award, please contact Monika Bandyopadhyay at monika.bandyopadhyay@ed.gov or 202-260-2531.

Sincerely,

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