



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

July 20, 2011

The Honorable Nathan Deal  
Office of the Governor  
State of Georgia  
203 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Governor Deal:

On September 24, 2010, the U.S. Department of Education (Department) awarded Georgia a Race to the Top grant of \$399,952,650 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. On November 22, 2010, we received final scopes of work for all 26 of Georgia's participating local educational agencies (LEAs), and on February 2, 2011 we issued you a letter indicating that we approved the format of these scopes of work. At that time, we indicated that Georgia may continue to draw down 12.5 percent of the grant for state-level activities, as well as on the behalf of participating LEAs.

The Department and Georgia agreed at that time that, because of the leadership transition, the State would submit a revised State scope of work that includes the Grantee's specific goals, activities, timelines, budgets, key personnel, and annual targets for key performance measures related to the State's 50 percent share of the grant. At this point in time, the Georgia Department of Education has submitted a State scope of work that is consistent with its approved application. The State scope of work includes specific goals, activities, timelines, budgets, key personnel, and annual targets for key performance measures.

I am pleased to approve the State's final scope of work and to notify you that the remaining balance of the award is now available to the State. Consistent with Grant Condition K of the Phase 2 Race to the Top Grant Conditions, funds may be drawn down only as they are needed, and their use must be consistent with the implementation of Georgia's approved Race to

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the Top plan and in support of accomplishing its proposed goals and activities. I would like to thank the staff at the Georgia Department of Education for their hard work and collaboration with us as your State continues to implement its Race to the Top grant.

If you have any questions concerning your Race to the Top award, please contact Victoria Hammer at [Victoria.Hammer@ed.gov](mailto:Victoria.Hammer@ed.gov) or 202-260-1438.

Sincerely,

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