



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

March 22, 2011

The Honorable Neil Abercrombie
Office of the Governor
State Capitol, Executive Chambers
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Governor Abercrombie,

I want to thank Superintendent Kathryn Matayoshi and the staff at the Hawaii Department of Education for their hard work and collaboration with us as your state begins to implement its Race to the Top grant. On November 22, 2010, we received a detailed state scope of work that is consistent with Hawaii's approved application. Due to Hawaii's unique unitary state and local educational agency structure, no local educational agency scopes of work were required. The state scope of work includes specific goals, activities, timelines, budgets, key personnel, and annual targets for key performance measures. As we have discussed with you, we see state's scope of work as a living document that may be subject to additional review and revision where appropriate over time.

On September 24, 2010, Hawaii received a grant of \$74,934,761 with the condition that the state draw down no more than 12.5 percent of the grant prior to approval of the state's of 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 Hawaii's Race to the Top plan and in support of accomplishing its proposed milestones. We believe that the state's implementation plan will enable it to continue making great strides to eliminate the achievement gap, improve the quality of the teacher workforce, and improve graduation rates.

If you have any questions concerning your Race to the Top award, please contact Melissa Siry at Melissa.Siry@ed.gov or 202-260-0926.

Sincerely,

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