

July 5, 2002

Honorable Rita H. Inos  
Commissioner of Education  
Northern Mariana Islands  
Department of Education  
P.O. Box 501370 CK  
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Commissioner Inos:

We have determined that the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands' application for Fiscal Year (FY) 2002 funds, under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (Part C), can be approved. Therefore, I am enclosing your State's Part C grant award.

The approval is based upon our receipt of your assurances for FY 2002. This includes the assurance from the Department of Education that the statewide system of early intervention services required by Part C and its implementing regulations is in effect.

Part III of the FY 2002 application for Part C funds requested updated information about each State's restricted indirect cost rate. Based on that form, it is our understanding that you have a restricted indirect cost rate that has been approved by your cognizant agency and is effective until September 30, 2005. We expect to receive your next indirect cost rate when your current approval expires or if your current rate changes for any reason.

The enclosed grant award for FY 2002 is made with the continued understanding that this Office may, from time to time, require clarification of information within your application and appendices, if necessary. These inquiries are needed to allow us to appropriately carry out our administrative responsibilities related to Part C.

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We appreciate your ongoing commitment to the provision of quality early intervention services to infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.

Sincerely,

Stephanie S. Lee  
Director  
Office of Special Education Programs

Enclosure

cc: Suzanne Lizama  
Part C Coordinator