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February 26, 2018

Dear Mr. Fishman:

Thank you for submitting an application for designation as a Hope Operator for the purpose of operating one or more schools of hope pursuant to section 1002.333, Florida Statutes. The Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice conducted a full and complete review of your application and determined that it met the requirements set forth in section 1002.333(2), Florida Statutes, and Rule 6A-1.0998271(2), Florida Administrative Code. Your application will be considered by the State Board of Education at the March 27, 2018 meeting.

Thank you for your participation in Florida's educational choice programs. If you have any additional questions, please contact Adam Miller at 850-245-0502.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pam Stewart".

Pam Stewart

PS/cr

cc: Adam Miller, Executive Director, Office of Independent Education & Parental Choice

# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

*Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice*



## HOPE OPERATOR DESIGNATION INITIAL CRITERIA



### Application Review Checklist

Entity Name: IDEA Public Schools

Date of Review: February 19, 2018

- IRS Determination Letter as a 501(c)3
- Operates 3 or more K12 public charter schools
- Record of serving students from low-income families
- Evidence applicant meets one of the following criteria:
  - Awarded a US ED Charter School Replication/Expansion grant within the preceding 3 years
  - Current and active grantee of National Fund of the Charter School Growth Fund
  - Charter school selected by a district school board to turnaround the performance of a low performing public school (Sec 1008.33, F.S.)

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Reviewed by: [Signature]

Approved by: [Signature]

## Application for Hope Operator Designation

A nonprofit organization with tax-exempt status under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code that operates three or more charter schools that serve students in grades K-12 in Florida or other states with a record of serving students from low-income families may apply to the Florida State Board of Education for designation as a Hope Operator.

### Section A: Organizational Information

Name of Non-Profit Organization	IDEA Public Schools		
IRS Federal Employer Identification Number	74-2948339		
Street Address	2115 W. Pike Blvd		
City	Weslaco		
State	Texas	Zip Code	78596
Website	www.ideapublicschools.org	Phone Number	1 (956) 377-8000

- *Attach a copy of 501(c)(3) determination letter*

### Leadership

Executive Director/CEO	Tom Torkelson, CEO and founder		
Email	tom.torkelson@ideapublicschools.org	Phone	1 (956) 377-8000
Primary Contact (if different)	Daniel Fishman, vice president for growth		
Email	daniel.fishman@ideapublicschools.org	Phone	1 (512) 810-4389

### Board Members of Non-Profit Organization

Name	Position (President, VP, etc)	Email Address
See attached sheet	See attached sheet	See attached sheet

Rule 6A-1.0998271  
 Form SOH1  
 Effective February 2018

**Section B: Criteria**

Please indicate which of the following Hope Operator criteria your organization meets:

1. The operator was awarded a United States Department of Education Charter School Program grant for Replication and Expansion of High-Quality Charter Schools within the preceding three years.

**MEETS** - Provide a copy of the award letter from the US Department of Education

2. The operator receives funding through the National Fund of the Charter School Growth Fund to accelerate the growth of the nation's best charter schools.

**MEETS** - Provide evidence that the operator is currently receiving funding through the National Fund of the Charter School Growth Fund. This may include a signed letter from the CEO of the Charter School Growth Fund, or a current and active grant award agreement.

3. The operator is selected by a district school board in accordance with s. 1008.33, Florida Statutes, to turn around the performance of a persistently low-performing public school.

**DOES NOT MEET** - Provide a signed letter from the District Superintendent, or other evidence, indicating the District selected the school pursuant to Section 1008.33, Florida Statutes, to turn around the performance of a low-performing public school.

**Section C: Additional Information**

In order to demonstrate that the applicant meets the definition of Hope Operator, pursuant to Section 1002.333(2), Florida Statutes, provide the following information, for the most recent completed school year, for each public charter school that is currently operated by the applicant.

School Name

National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) Identification Number

Address, City, State, Zip Code

Grades Served

Total Enrollment

Percentage of Students Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch

Authorizer Name

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School Name	NCES Identification Number	Address, City, State, Zip Code	Grades Served	Total Enrollment	% of F & R Students	Authorizer Name
IDEA ACADEMY	108807101	401 S 1st St, Donna, 78537	PK- 5	903	96.68%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA ACADEMY ALAMO	108807107	325 E FM 495, Alamo, 78516	PK- 5	874	94.16%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA ACADEMY MISSION	108807104	1600 S Schuerbach Rd, Mission, 78572	PK- 5	903	94.24%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA ACADEMY PHARR	108807108	600 E Las Milpas Rd, Pharr, 78577	PK- 5	876	92.58%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA ACADEMY SAN BENITO	108807105	2151 Russell Lane, San Benito, 78586	PK- 5	888	83.67%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA ACADEMY SAN JUAN	108807106	200 N Nebraska Ave, San Juan, 78589	PK- 5	853	92.26%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA ACADEMY WESLACO	108807110	2931 E Sugar Cane Dr, Westlaco, 78596	PK- 5	695	95.40%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA ALLAN ACADEMY	108807135	1701 Vargas Rd., Austin, 78741	PK- 5	704	89.20%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA ALLAN COLLEGE PREPARATORY	108807035	1701 Vargas Rd., Austin, 78741	6 - 11	656	93.14%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA BLUFF SPRINGS ACADEMY	108807137	1700 E Slaughter Lane, Austin, 78744	K- 3	464	79.96%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA BLUFF SPRINGS COLLEGE PREPARATORY	108807037	1700 E Slaughter Lane, Austin, 78744	6 - 7	234	80.34%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA BRACKENRIDGE ACADEMY	108807128	5555 Old Pearsall Rd, San Antonio, 78242	PK- 1	400	89.00%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA BRACKENRIDGE COLLEGE PREPARATORY	108807028	5555 Old Pearsall Rd, San Antonio, 78242	6	118	85.59%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA BROWNSVILLE ACADEMY	108807112	4395 Paredes Line Rd, Brownsville, 78526	K - 5	698	86.25%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA BROWNSVILLE COLLEGE PREPARATORY	108807012	4395 Paredes Line Rd., Brownsville, 78526	6 - 11	694	85.01%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA CARVER ACADEMY	108807120	217 Robinson Pl, San Antonio, 78202	K - 5	609	77.18%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA CARVER COLLEGE PREPARATORY	108807020	217 Robinson Pl, San Antonio, 78202	6 - 11	505	77.62%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA COLLEGE PREP	108807001	401 S 1st St, Donna, 78537	6 - 12	757	93.00%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA COLLEGE PREP WESLACO	108807010	2931 E Sugar Cane Dr, Westlaco, 78596	6 - 12	783	92.98%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA COLLEGE PREPARATORY ALAMO	108807004	325 E FM 495, Alamo, 78516	6 - 12	760	94.61%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA COLLEGE PREPARATORY MISSION	108807007	1600 S Schuerbach Rd, Mission, 78572	6 - 12	801	95.76%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA COLLEGE PREPARATORY PHARR	108807008	600 E Las Milpas Rd, Pharr, 78577	6 - 12	764	93.19%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA COLLEGE PREPARATORY SAN BENITO	108807005	2151 Russell Lane, San Benito, 78586	6 - 12	787	81.32%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA COLLEGE PREPARATORY SAN JUAN	108807006	600 E Sioux Rd, San Juan, 78589	6 - 12	739	94.72%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA EASTSIDE COLLEGE PREPARATORY	108807124	2519 Martin Luther King DR, San Antonio, 78599	K - 5	608	93.09%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA EASTSIDE COLLEGE PREPARATORY	108807024	2519 Martin Luther King Dr, San Antonio, 78220	6 - 8	336	92.86%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA EDINBURG ACADEMY	108807109	2553 Rogiers Rd, Edinburg, 78541	PK- 5	915	83.39%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA EDINBURG COLLEGE PREPARATORY	108807009	2553 Rogiers Rd, Edinburg, 78541	6 - 12	374	81.73%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA EWING HALSELL ACADEMY	108807129	2523 W Anselly Blvd, San Antonio, 78224	PK - 1	119	87.70%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA EWING HALSELL COLLEGE PREPARATORY	108807029	2523 W Anselly Blvd, San Antonio, 78224	6	119	78.99%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA FRONTIER ACADEMY	108807103	2800 S Dakota, Brownsville, 78520	K - 5	838	91.77%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA FRONTIER COLLEGE PREPARATORY	108807003	13427 Judson Rd., San Antonio, 78233	6 - 12	777	87.39%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA JUDSON ACADEMY	108807125	13427 Judson Rd., San Antonio, 78233	K - 3	512	60.74%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA JUDSON COLLEGE PREPARATORY	108807025	13427 Judson Rd., San Antonio, 78233	6 - 7	233	67.38%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA MAY'S ACADEMY	108807126	1210 Horal Rd., San Antonio, 78245	K - 3	483	89.86%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA MAY'S COLLEGE PREPARATORY	108807026	1210 Horal Rd., San Antonio, 78245	6 - 7	238	91.18%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA MCALLEN ACADEMY	108807111	201 N Bentsen Rd., McAllen, 78501	PK- 5	895	80.34%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA MCALLEN COLLEGE PREPARATORY	108807011	201 N Bentsen Rd., McAllen, 78501	6 - 12	693	81.53%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA MONTERREY PARK ACADEMY	108807122	222 SW 39th St., San Antonio, 78237	K - 5	731	88.65%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA MONTERREY PARK COLLEGE PREPARATORY	108807022	222 SW 39th St., San Antonio, 78237	6 - 9	476	86.76%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA NAJIM ACADEMY	108807127	926 S WWW WHITE RD, San Antonio, 78220	PK- 2	376	94.15%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA NAJIM COLLEGE PREPARATORY	108807027	926 S WWW WHITE RD, San Antonio, 78220	6 - 7	101	88.12%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA NORTH MISSION ACADEMY	108807115	2706 N. Holland Ave., Mission, 78574	PK- 3	698	84.81%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA NORTH MISSION COLLEGE PREPARATORY	108807015	2706 N. Holland Ave., Mission, 78574	6 - 8	376	88.83%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA QUEST COLLEGE PREPARATORY	108807102	14001 N Rooth Rd, Edinburg, 78541	PK- 5	818	95.11%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA QUEST COLLEGE PREPARATORY	108807002	14001 N Rooth Rd, Edinburg, 78541	6 - 12	741	92.85%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA RIO GRANDE CITY ACADEMY	108807116	2803 W MONARCH LN, Rio Grande City, 78582	PK - 1	376	92.82%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA RIO GRANDE CITY COLLEGE PREPARATORY	108807016	2803 W MONARCH LN, Rio Grande City, 78582	6	103	91.26%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA RIVERVIEW ACADEMY	108807114	30 PALM BLVD, Brownsville, 78520	PK - 3	624	92.31%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency

IDEA RIVERVIEW COLLEGE PREPARATORY	108807014	30 PALM BLVD, Brownsville ,78520	6 - 8	360	91.94%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA RUNDBERG ACADEMY	108807136	9504 N IH 35, Austin ,78753	PK - 4	601	92.68%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA RUNDBERG COLLEGE PREPARATORY	108807036	9504 N IH 35, Austin ,78753	6 - 8	370	93.78%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA SOUTH FLORES ACADEMY	108807121	6919 S Flores ST, San Antonio ,78221	PK - 5	873	78.92%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA SOUTH FLORES COLLEGE PREPARATORY	108807021	6919 S. Flores ST, San Antonio, 78221	6 - 10	596	79.70%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA TOROS COLLEGE PREPARATORY	108807018	315 East Palm Drive, Edinburg ,78539	6 - 12	102	91.18%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA TRES LAGOS ACADEMY	108807117	5200 Tres Lagos Boulevard, Edinburg ,78504	PK - 1	360	86.39%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA TRES LAGOS COLLEGE PREPARATORY	108807017	5200 Tres Lagos Boulevard, Edinburg ,78504	6	123	82.11%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA WALZEM ACADEMY	108807123	6445 Walzem Rd., San Antonio ,78239	K - 5	712	75.28%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA WALZEM COLLEGE PREPARATORY	108807023	6445 Walzem Rd., San Antonio ,78239	6 - 9	488	75.80%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA WESLACO PIKE ACADEMY	108807113	1000 E. Pike Blvd., Weslaco ,78596	PK - 5	917	84.41%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
IDEA WESLACO PIKE COLLEGE PREPARATORY	108807013	1000 E. Pike Blvd., Weslaco ,78596	6 - 9	487	85.63%	Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>35595</b>	<b>87.75%</b>	



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<b>3</b>	<b>PROJECT STAFF</b>  <b>RECIPIENT PROJECT DIRECTOR</b> Leanne Hernandez      (956) 975-0352 <a href="mailto:leanne.hernandez@ideapublicschools.org">leanne.hernandez@ideapublicschools.org</a> <b>EDUCATION PROGRAM CONTACT</b> Eddie Moat                (202) 401-2266 <a href="mailto:eddie.moat@ed.gov">eddie.moat@ed.gov</a> <b>EDUCATION PAYMENT HOTLINE</b> G5 PAYEE                 888-336-8930 HELPDESK <a href="mailto:edcaps.user@ed.gov">edcaps.user@ed.gov</a>	<b>4</b>	<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>  84.282M IDEA Amplify Texas																
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CFDA/SUBPROGRAM NO: 84.282M

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FUND CODE	FUNDING YEAR	AWARD YEAR	ORG. CODE	CATEGORY	LIMITATION	ACTIVITY	CFDA	OBJECT CLASS	AMOUNT
0204A	2017	2017	EU000000	B	U30	000	282	4101C	\$26,316,168.00

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PR/AWARD NUMBER: U282M170025  
 RECIPIENT NAME: IDEA Public Schools  
 GRANTEE NAME: IDEA ACADEMY, INC.  
 505 ANGELITA DR STE 9,  
 WESLACO, TX 78596 - 4694  
 PROGRAM INDIRECT COST TYPE: Unrestricted  
 PROJECT INDIRECT COST RATE:

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

(1) THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE INCORPORATED IN THE GRANT AGREEMENT:

- 1) THE RECIPIENT'S APPLICATION (BLOCK 2);
- 2) THE APPLICABLE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS: 2 CFR PART 180, NONPROCUREMENT DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION AS ADOPTED AT 2 CFR PART 3485; 2 CFR PART 200 AS ADOPTED AT 2 CFR 3474 (BLOCK 8), AND 34 CFR PARTS 75, 77, 79, 81, 82, 84, 86, 97, 98, 99; AND THE PROGRAM REGULATIONS SPECIFIED IN BLOCK 8; AND
- 3) THE SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS SHOWN AS ATTACHMENTS IN BLOCK 8 ON THE INITIAL AWARD APPLY UNTIL CHANGED.

THIS AWARD SUPPORTS ONLY THE BUDGET PERIOD SHOWN IN BLOCK 6. IN ACCORDANCE WITH 34 CFR 75.253, THE SECRETARY CONSIDERS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, CONTINUED FUNDING IF:

- 1) CONGRESS HAS APPROPRIATED SUFFICIENT FUNDS UNDER THE PROGRAM,
- 2) THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT CONTINUING THE PROJECT WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE GOVERNMENT,
- 3) THE GRANTEE HAS MADE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS TOWARD MEETING THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT,
- 4) THE SECRETARY ESTABLISHED PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GRANT IN THE APPLICATION NOTICE, THE PERFORMANCE TARGETS IN THE GRANTEE'S APPROVED APPLICATION,
- 5) THE RECIPIENT HAS SUBMITTED REPORTS OF PROJECT PERFORMANCE AND BUDGET EXPENDITURES THAT MEET THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOUND AT 34 CFR 75.118, 2 CFR 200.327 AND 200.328, AND ANY OTHER REPORTING REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE SECRETARY,
- 6) THE GRANTEE HAS MAINTAINED FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS THAT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS IN 2 CFR 200.302, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, AND 2 CFR 200.303, INTERNAL CONTROLS.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH 2 CFR 200.308(c)(2) CHANGES TO KEY PERSONNEL IDENTIFIED IN BLOCK 5 MUST RECEIVE PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

THE SECRETARY ANTICIPATES FUTURE FUNDING FOR THIS AWARD ACCORDING TO THE SCHEDULE IDENTIFIED IN BLOCK 6. THESE FIGURES ARE ESTIMATES ONLY AND DO NOT BIND THE SECRETARY TO FUNDING THE AWARD FOR THESE PERIODS OR FOR THE SPECIFIC AMOUNTS SHOWN. THE RECIPIENT WILL BE NOTIFIED OF SPECIFIC FUTURE FUNDING ACTIONS THAT THE SECRETARY TAKES FOR THIS AWARD.





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- (2) The Office of Management and Budget requires all Federal agencies to assign a Federal Award Identifying Number (FAIN) to each of their financial assistance awards. The PR/AWARD NUMBER identified in Block 2 is your FAIN.

If subawards are permitted under this grant, and you choose to make subawards, you must document the assigned PR/AWARD NUMBER (FAIN) identified in Block 2 of this Grant Award Notification on each subaward made under this grant. The term subaward means:

1. A legal instrument to provide support for the performance of any portion of the substantive project or program for which you received this award and that you as the recipient award to an eligible subrecipient.
  2. The term does not include your procurement of property and services needed to carry out the project or program (The payments received for goods or services provided as a contractor are not Federal awards, see 2 CFR 200.501(f) of the OMB Uniform Guidance: "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards").
  3. A subaward may be provided through any legal agreement, including an agreement that you or a subrecipient considers a contract.
- (3) Unless this grant solely funds research, you must comply with new regulations regarding awards to faith-based organizations (FBOs) that provide beneficiary services under this grant or under a contract you award to provide beneficiary services under this grant. These new regulations clarify the rights of FBOs and impose certain duties on FBOs regarding the referral of beneficiaries they serve. See 34 CFR 75.52, 75.712-75.714, appendix A to part 75, and 2 CFR 3474.15. The Department has established a web page that provides guidance on the new regulations, including FAQs and other implementation tools, which is available at <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/fund/reg/fbci-reg.html>. If you have any questions about these regulations, please contact the Education Program Contact identified in Block 3 of this GAN.
- (4) Reimbursement of indirect costs is subject to the availability of funds and statutory and regulatory restrictions. The negotiated indirect cost rate agreement authorizes a non-Federal entity to draw down indirect costs from the grant awards. The following conditions apply to the below entities.

A. All entities (other than institutions of higher education (IHE))

The GAN for this grant award shows the indirect cost rate that applies on the date of the initial grant for this project. However, after the initial grant date, when a new indirect cost rate agreement is negotiated, the newly approved indirect cost rate supersedes the indirect cost rate shown on the GAN for the initial grant. This new indirect cost rate should be applied according to the period specified in the indirect cost rate agreement, unless expressly limited under EDGAR or program regulations. Any grant award with an approved budget can amend the budget to account for a change in the indirect cost rate. However, for a discretionary grant award any material changes to the budget which may impact the scope or objectives of the grant must be discussed with the program officer at the Department. See 34 CFR 75.560 (d)(3) (ii) (part 75 of EDGAR).

B. Institutions of higher education (IHE)

Under 2 CFR part 200, Appendix III, Indirect (F&A) Costs Identification and Assignment, and Rate Determination for Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs), the Department must apply the negotiated indirect cost rate in effect on the date of the initial grant award to every budget period of the project, including all continuation grants made for this project. See 2 CFR Part 200, Appendix III, paragraph C.7. Therefore, the GAN for each continuation grant will show the original indirect cost rate and it applies to the entire period of performance of this project. If the indirect cost rate agreement that is applicable to this grant does not extend to the end of the grant's project period, the indirect cost rate set at the start of the project period must still be applied to the end of project period regardless of the fact that the rate has otherwise expired.

- (5) Condition 1:



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Continuation funding is contingent upon the grantee providing updated documentation in its Annual Performance Report demonstrating that 1) the grantee meets the definition of a charter management organization (as defined in the NIA); and 2) at least 60 percent of all students in the charter schools the grantee currently operates or manages are individuals from low-income families. Failure to demonstrate compliance with either requirement in accordance with the absolute priority and eligibility requirement may result in the Department taking appropriate administrative action.

**Condition 2:**

The grantee may not conduct activities nor draw down funds under this grant until after 1) the grantee has participated in a post-award conference call with its CSP program officer assigned to the grant; and 2) the program officer has provided written approval of the grantee s budget.

**Condition 3:**

As outlined in the Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards, each grantee must submit an annual performance report (APR) by the due date established by CSP staff for each project year. In the absence of prior written approval from the Department, the grantee may not draw down funds for project year 2, as outlined in the final Budget Summary form approved by the Department, until after the grantee has (1) completed all project year 1 activities; (2) submitted its APR demonstrating that all project year 1 activities have been completed; and (3) obtained written approval by the Department to begin project year 2 activities.

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Dear Taxpayer:

This is in response to your Dec. 05, 2014, request for information regarding your tax-exempt status.

Our records indicate that you were recognized as exempt under section 501(c)(03) of the Internal Revenue Code in a determination letter issued in JUNE 2000.

Our records also indicate that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because you are described in section(s) 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

Please refer to our website [www.irs.gov/eo](http://www.irs.gov/eo) for information regarding filing requirements. Specifically, section 6033(j) of the Code provides that failure to file an annual information return for three consecutive years results in revocation of tax-exempt status as of the filing due date of the third return for organizations required to file. We will publish a list of organizations whose tax-exempt status was revoked under section 6033(j) of the Code on our website beginning in early 2011.