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Dear Ms. Cich, Ms. Peck and Mr. Strong:

The Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) acknowledges your electronic submission via RSA's management information system (MIS) of the Minnesota FY 2011-2013 State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) in the form of the assurances (Part I) and narratives (Part II) in compliance with Title VII, Chapter 1, Section 704, of the *Rehabilitation Act of 1973*, as amended (the act).

The SPIL was reviewed to ensure conformity with statutory provisions of the act, implementing regulations and the administrative requirements of RSA. Based on this review, the SPIL is approved. It is the joint responsibility of the DSUs and the SILC to ensure that the activities described in the plan are implemented in accordance with applicable federal requirements. In accordance with the approval of the SPIL, RSA is making available to Minnesota its Title VII, IL Part B, grant award on October 1, 2010.

The approved FY 2011-2013 Minnesota SPIL will be published by RSA and available to the general public on RSA's MIS. Individuals who wish to read the SPIL at that time may visit http://rsamis.ed.gov/view_info.cfm, select the appropriate state, select "IL" and select "View the SPIL."

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Please take note that if RSA's further analysis of the service areas of centers for independent living indicates the need to revise those service areas in section 3.1 of the SPIL, RSA may require a revision to the SPIL at a later date.

If you or your staff have questions related to this review or the approval of the FY 2011-2013 SPIL, please contact your IL Unit representative, Elizabeth Akinola by telephone at 202-245-7303 or electronically at elizabeth.akinola@ed.gov.

We appreciate your continuing efforts to promote the independent living, empowerment and community integration of individuals with significant disabilities in your state.

Sincerely,

For


Lynnae M. Ruttledge
Commissioner

cc: Elizabeth Akinola