



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

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Honorable Wilfred I. Kendall
Minister of Education
Republic of the Marshall Islands
P.O. Box 3
Majuro, Marshall Islands 96960

Dear Minister Kendall:

Thank you for the timely submission of the Republic of the Marshall Islands' (RMI) FFY 2006 Annual Performance Report (APR) and revised State Performance Plan (SPP) under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), as amended in 2004. We also acknowledge the revisions to RMI's APR received on April 14, 2008. We appreciate RMI's efforts in preparing these documents.

The Department has determined that, under IDEA section 616(d), RMI meets the requirements of Part B of the IDEA. The Department's determination is based on the totality of the RMI's data and information including RMI's FFY 2006 APR and revised SPP, other state-reported data, and information obtained through on-site verification and focused monitoring visits, audits, and other publicly available information. See the enclosure entitled "How the Department Made Determinations under Section 616(d) of the IDEA in 2008" for further details.

Specific factors affecting OSEP's determination that RMI met requirements under IDEA section 616(d) include: (1) RMI provided valid and reliable FFY 2006 data reflecting the measurement for each indicator; and (2) RMI reported correction or high levels of compliance for Indicators 11, 13, and 15. We commend RMI for its performance.

The enclosed table provides OSEP's analysis of RMI's FFY 2006 APR and revised SPP and identifies, by indicator, OSEP's review of any revisions made by RMI to its targets, improvement activities (timelines and resources) and baseline data in RMI's SPP. It also identifies, by indicator, RMI's status in meeting its targets, whether RMI's data reflect progress or slippage, and whether RMI corrected noncompliance and provided valid and reliable data.

If you included revisions to baseline, targets or improvement activities in your APR submission, and OSEP accepted those revisions, please ensure that you update your SPP accordingly and that the updated SPP is made available to the public.

OSEP is committed to supporting RMI's efforts to improve results for children with disabilities and looks forward to working with RMI over the next year. If you have any questions, would like to discuss this further, or want to request technical assistance,

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please do not hesitate to call Ms. Lucille Sleger, your OSEP State Contact, at 202-245-7528.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William W. Knudsen".

William W. Knudsen
Acting Director
Office of Special Education Programs

Enclosures

cc: State Director of Special Education