



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

AUG 23 2005

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

Dear Minister Kendall:

This is to inform you that we have conditionally approved the Republic of the Marshall Islands' Eligibility Documents, including assurances and certifications, for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2005 under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Our determination that you are eligible for conditional approval is based on our receipt of the Republic of the Marshall Islands' application submitted by the Ministry of Education to the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs, on May 6, 2005, and amended on June 15, 2005 (Assurances) in which it assures that it will:

1. Operate consistent with all requirements of PL 108-446 and applicable regulations; and
2. Make such changes to existing policies and procedures as are necessary to bring those policies and procedures into compliance with the requirements of Part B of the IDEA, as amended, as soon as possible, and not later than July 1, 2006. Section II of the Republic of the Marshall Islands' application (which is incorporated by reference and enclosed with this grant letter) identifies the IDEA statutory sections for which the Republic of the Marshall Islands needs to amend policies and procedures and the timelines by which the Republic of the Marshall Islands will amend its policies and procedures in order to comply with Part B of the IDEA. Within Section II, the Republic of the Marshall Islands has included the date by which it expects to complete necessary changes associated with any policies and procedures that are not yet in compliance with the requirements of Part B of the IDEA, as amended.

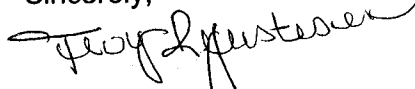
Please note that as part of your Eligibility Documents for FFY 2005, the Republic of the Marshall Islands has made an assurance, under 34 CFR §80.11(c), that it will comply with all applicable Federal statutes and regulations in effect with respect to the periods for which it receives grant funding. Any changes made by the Republic of the Marshall Islands, after OSEP approval, to policies and procedures needed to comply with Part B of the IDEA, must meet the applicable public participation requirements, including those in 20 U.S.C. 1232d(b)(7).

Enclosed is a grant award for funds currently available under the Department of Education FFY 2005 Appropriations Act for the Part B Section 611 (Grants to States) program. These funds are for use primarily in school year 2005-2006 and are available for obligation from July 1, 2005 through September 30, 2007.

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We appreciate your ongoing commitment to the provision of quality educational services to children with disabilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Troy R. Justesen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "T".

Troy R. Justesen
Acting Director
Office of Special Education
Programs

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Ruthiran Lokeijak
Director of Special Education