



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

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Honorable Tom Dowd
Director
Bureau of Indian Education
MS-3512, MIB
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Director Dowd:

In response to your written request submitted on December 22, 2006, we have enclosed the twenty percent portion of the Department of Interior's Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2006 grant award under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) for education and services for Indian children with disabilities aged 3 through 5.

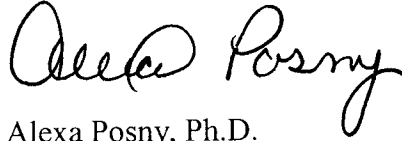
Under section 611(h)(4)(A), these funds must be distributed to tribes or tribal organizations or consortia of the above to provide for the coordination of assistance for special education and related services for children with disabilities aged 3 through 5 on reservations served by elementary schools and secondary schools for Indian children operated or funded by the Secretary of Interior. The funds received by a tribe or tribal organization must be used to assist in child find, screening and other procedures for the early identification of children aged 3 through 5, parent training, and the provision of direct services. None of the funds provided under section 611(h)(4)(A) can be used by the Secretary of the Interior for administrative purposes, including child count and the provision of technical assistance.

We have received the Biennial Report of activities undertaken with funds allocated to the Secretary of Interior for Indian children with disabilities aged 3 through 5 during the period of July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2006, as required by section 611(h)(4)(E) of IDEA. We are in the process of reviewing the report and may request additional information.

Section 606 provides that each recipient of assistance under IDEA make positive efforts to employ and advance in employment qualified individuals with disabilities. Therefore, by accepting this grant, the Bureau of Indian Education is expressly agreeing as a condition of IDEA funding to ensuring that positive efforts are made to employ and advance employment of qualified individuals with disabilities.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alexa Posny". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "A".

Alexa Posny, Ph.D.
Director
Office of Special Education Programs

Enclosure

cc: Lynann Barbero, Director
Special Education Programs