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Robert R. Wallace
Regional Inspector General for Audit
U.S. Department of Labor – OIG
61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Room 6T20
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Dear Mr. Wallace:

We appreciate the opportunity to respond to the draft report, which discusses the evaluation of Texas' closeout of the Job Training Partnership Act grants. These grants were awarded during the period of July 1, 1997, through June 30, 2000. The auditors performing the evaluation were very professional in ensuring the JTPA program expenditures reconciled from the subrecipient level up to the final closeout submitted to the Department of Labor.

The Texas Workforce Commission appreciates such a positive report. The work performed in verifying the accuracy of expenditures reported adds more credibility to our accounting and reporting systems in place. We strive to continue such accurate reporting and continue to ensure closeout processes are completed within the required timeframe for all grants.

It was a pleasure working with the audit team. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call my office.

Sincerely,



Cassie Carlson Reed
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