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Mr. Larry Studesville, Administrator
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Dear Mr. Studesville:

This letter advises you of the results of our audit of the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development's (DWD) administration of its Vocational Rehabilitation Grants to States (VR) Program. We did not identify any significant items in addition to those previously reported by the Wisconsin Legislative Audit Bureau (LAB) that warrant the attention of the U.S. Department of Education.

The purpose of our audit was to determine whether DWD administered the VR program according to applicable laws and regulations regarding (1) financial management and reporting, (2) order of selection, and (3) third-party cooperative agreements for the period October 1, 1998 through November 3, 2000. We performed our audit in accordance with government auditing standards appropriate to this limited scope.

To accomplish our objectives, we interviewed DWD, LAB, Wisconsin Client Assistance Program, and Rehabilitation for Wisconsin, Inc. officials. We reviewed DWD records and information, and reviewed LAB's working papers for its Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 audit for State fiscal year 1998-99 (year ended June 30, 1999) and program evaluation audit of DWD dated October 2000. We conducted our field work at the DWD offices in Madison, Wisconsin from September 11, 2000 through November 3, 2000. We also contacted DWD and LAB officials from December 1, 2000 through May 16, 2001 to update our information.

Although our audit was thorough, the work we performed was not sufficient to constitute an audit of DWD's administration of the VR program for the period October 1, 1998 to November 3, 2000. Our audit was made for the limited purpose described above and would not necessarily disclose all material weaknesses in DWD's procedures. Accordingly, the contents of this letter should not be construed as acceptance or approval of DWD's practices and procedures. Please keep in mind that the work we performed is not a substitute for any required audits.

We appreciate the cooperation the DWD staff showed us during our field work. If you have any questions, please contact me at (312) 886-6503. No response to this letter is required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard J. Dowd", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Richard J. Dowd
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cc: Richard Rasa, Director, State and Local Advisory and Assistance