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Dr. Raymond F. Glynn, Deputy Commissioner
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Texas Education Agency
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Dear Dr. Glynn:

This letter advises you of the closure of our audit of the Texas Adult Education and Family Literacy Program administered by the Texas Education Agency (TEA). The objectives of our review were to (1) determine if the state education agency awarded adult education grants to providers appropriately, given the considerations identified in the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA); (2) determine if the state agency is adequately monitoring the performance of providers receiving adult education funds provided; and (3) determine if adult education funds are being used in accordance with law, regulations, and guidance.

During the course of our review, we learned that TEA received over \$40 million in Federal AEFLA funding for the period July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008. TEA distributed over \$34 million of that funding to 55 fiscal agents (service providers). Some of those providers used the assistance of other entities by means of subgrants and subcontracts. We also learned that TEA reported the results of its AEFLA program administration to the U.S. Department of Education. However, we are terminating our audit without completing all planned audit work.

The work we performed was not extensive enough to answer the objectives described above and would not necessarily disclose all material weaknesses in the administration of the Texas Adult Education and Family Literacy Program. The termination of this audit does not preclude future reviews of this or similar areas by the Office of Inspector General, and our review should not be construed as a substitute for any other reviews required by law, license, or accreditation. Also, the termination of this audit does not preclude the U.S. Department of Education from taking action concerning any aspect of the entities reviewed.

We wish to express appreciation for the cooperation and assistance extended by your staff during the review. Should you have any questions regarding this review, please contact me at 312-730-1620. No response to this letter is required.

Sincerely,

/s/

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