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Dr. Jim McBride  
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Dear Dr. McBride:

On July 7, 2006, the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) submitted its revised State highly qualified teacher (HQT) plan. The peer reviewers found deficiencies in the original plan, and the Department asked that it be revised and re-submitted. We received the revision on September 29, 2006.

U.S. Department of Education (Department) staff reviewed the revised plan. In general, the reviewers were pleased with the plan but found some remaining deficiencies. To resolve outstanding questions and concerns raised in the internal review, Department Program Officer Margaret Miles had discussions and many emails exchanges with Carol Ilian. Following another revision submitted in December 2006, a February 5, 2007 conference call was held between Joe Simpson, Carol Ilian and Vince Meyer, Department of Education officials, and Westat staff to discuss further clarification of the Department's expectations. As a result of the discussions, WDE made an additional submission of a comprehensive highly qualified teacher plan to the Department on February 28, 2007.

In the judgment of the Department, the plan submitted on February 28, 2007 meets all six requirements and is now approved. I would like to congratulate you and your staff for this excellent work. We recognize the substantial challenge it has been to prepare this document, and we are encouraged that you were able to submit a complete and comprehensive plan.

We will post the February revision of the plan on the Department's Web site in place of the plan that is currently posted. We look forward to our continued work together, including routine monitoring to ensure that your State implements the activities described in the plan to meet the HQT goal in 2006-07 and beyond, for the benefit of all students in Wyoming. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact Margaret Miles (202-260-2531), or [margaret.miles@ed.gov](mailto:margaret.miles@ed.gov).

Sincerely,

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Deputy Secretary  
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