



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

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

Dear Director Dowd:

Enclosed is the Department of Interior's Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2006 funds under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. It is our understanding that the funds will be distributed to tribes, tribal organizations, or consortia on the reservations that are served by elementary and secondary schools for Indian children operated or funded by the Department of the Interior. These funds received by tribes, tribal organizations, or consortia must be used to assist States in child find, screening and parent training and may be used to provide early intervention services.

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 Affairs 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 early intervention services to infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.

Sincerely,

Alexa Posny, Ph.D.

Director

Office of Special Education Programs

Enclosure

cc: Debbie Lente-Jojola, Supervisor
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