



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

AUG 4 2008

Honorable C. Earl Hunter
Commissioner
Department of Health and Environmental Control
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Commissioner Hunter:

This is to inform you that we have conditionally approved South Carolina's Application for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2008 under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Our conditional approval is based on review of the application submitted by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) to the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), on May 12, 2008 and amended on July 23, 2008. In addition, the State provided the following specific assurances that it will:

1. Operate consistent with the Part C requirements in 20 U.S.C. 1431 through 1444 and applicable regulations in 34 CFR Part 303;
2. Ensure that the statewide system of early intervention services required by Part C and its implementing regulations is in effect throughout the FFY 2008 grant period; and
3. Make such changes to, and submit, as necessary, for OSEP's approval, the State's policies, procedures, methods, and descriptions as are necessary to bring those policies, procedures, methods and descriptions into compliance with the requirements of Part C of the IDEA, as amended, as soon as possible, and not later than the earlier of the date indicated by the State in Section II of its application or June 30, 2009. Section II of the State's application identifies the IDEA statutory sections for which the State needs to amend any policies, procedures, methods and descriptions and the timelines by which the State will amend its policies, procedures, methods and descriptions in order to comply with Part C of the IDEA. Within Section II, the State has included the date by which it expects to complete necessary changes associated with any policies, procedures, methods and descriptions that are not yet in compliance with the requirements of Part C of the IDEA, as amended.

South Carolina's FFY 2008 IDEA Part C grant award is being released subject to FFY 2008 Special Conditions, set forth in Enclosure B, which are being imposed pursuant to the Department's authority in 34 CFR §80.12. Specifically, OSEP has determined that South Carolina is not ensuring the identification of noncompliance and the timely correction of identified noncompliance, as required by 34 CFR §303.501(b).

Therefore, the Department is imposing Special Conditions on the State's FFY 2008 grant award

under Part C. The reasons for doing so and the nature of the specific conditions are detailed in Enclosure B, which are hereby referenced and incorporated into this grant award. South Carolina must administer these awards both in keeping with the applicable provisions of Federal law and regulations and the Special Conditions attached to the grant award document. Acceptance by South Carolina of these grant awards constitutes an agreement by the State to comply with the Special Conditions.

Enclosed is the State's grant award for funds currently available under the Department of Education Appropriations Act for FFY 2008 for the Part C program. These funds are available for obligation by States from the effective date of the grant award, which is July 23, 2008, through September 30, 2010.

The enclosed grant award for FFY 2008 is made with the continued understanding that this Office may, from time to time, require clarification of information within your application, if necessary. These inquiries are needed to allow us to appropriately carry out our administrative responsibilities related to Part C.

Please note that as part of your State's application for FFY 2008, your State has made an assurance, under 34 CFR §80.11(c), that it will comply with all applicable Federal statutes and regulations in effect with respect to the FFY 2008 grant period. Any changes made by the State to its FFY 2008 application or Part C policies or procedures that are application requirements, after issuance of this grant award, must meet the applicable public participation requirements under Part C of the IDEA in 34 CFR §§303.110 through 303.113 and if they are requirements under Section II.A must be submitted to, and approved by, OSEP prior to the State's implementation of its new or revised application, policies and procedures.

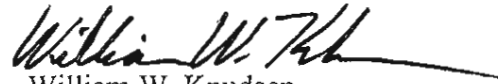
Section IV.B of the FFY 2008 application for Part C funds requested updated information about each State's restricted indirect cost rate. Your State's FFY 2008 Part C application indicated that DHEC has a restricted indirect cost rate of 4.8% that expired on June 30, 2007 and that DHEC is in the process of negotiating a new restricted indirect cost rate. In Section IV.B of the application, DHEC, as the State's Part C lead agency, indicated it will continue to bill its Part C FFY 2008 grant based on this previously approved restricted indirect cost rate until a final restricted indirect cost rate is approved for FFY 2008, which may result in an adjustment of the final audited expenditures allowed to the Part C FFY 2008 grant funds. When a final restricted rate indirect cost rate is approved for FFY 2008, please forward to our Indirect Cost Unit: (1) a copy of the final rate agreement; and (2) details of adjustments made to GAPS liquidations from the provisional or prior billing rate after approval of the final rate.

Section 604 of the IDEA provides that "[a] State shall not be immune under the eleventh amendment to the Constitution of the United States from suit in Federal court for a violation of this Act." Section 606 provides that each recipient of assistance under IDEA make positive efforts to employ and advance in employment qualified individuals with disabilities in programs assisted under the IDEA. Therefore, by accepting this grant a State is expressly agreeing as a condition of IDEA funding to a waiver of Eleventh Amendment immunity and to ensuring that positive efforts are made to employ and advance employment of qualified individuals with disabilities in programs assisted under the IDEA.

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We appreciate your ongoing commitment to the provision of quality early intervention services to infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William W. Knudsen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

William W. Knudsen

Acting Director

Office of Special Education Programs

Enclosures:

Enclosure A

Enclosure B

cc: Part C Coordinator

Section II

A. State Policies, Procedures, Methods, and Descriptions

As checked below, the State hereby declares that it has or has not filed the following policies, procedures, methods, and descriptions with the U.S. Department of Education, and, as of the date of the signature below, affirms and incorporates by reference those policies, procedures, methods, and descriptions with respect to Part C of PL 108-446.

Check and enter date(s) as applicable. Enclose relevant documents.			N = 'New' Policy and/or Procedure R = 'Revised' Policy and/or Procedure OF = Policy and/or Procedure is already 'On File' with the USDE
Yes (If New or Revised is checked, the State is submitting policies, procedures, methods, and descriptions with this application. If already 'On File with OSEP', check OF.)	No (Policies, procedures, methods, and descriptions have not been provided. Provide date by which State will submit to OSEP required documentation, which date shall be no later than June 30, 2009.)		
N	R	OF	State Policies, Procedures, Methods, and Descriptions
			State Policies and Procedures
		✓	1. As required in 20 U.S.C. 1432(5)(A) and 1435(a)(1), the State has provided its policies and/or procedures regarding the State's definition of 'developmental delay' to ensure that a rigorous definition of the term 'developmental delay' will be used by the State in carrying out programs under this Part in order to appropriately identify infants and toddlers with disabilities that are in need of services under this Part.
		✓	2. As required in 20 U.S.C. 1437(a)(9)(B), the State has provided its policies and/or procedures to ensure review of the child's program options for the period from the child's third birthday through the remainder of the school year.
	✓		3. As required in 20 U.S.C. 1437(a)(9)(C), the State has provided its policies and/or procedures to ensure the establishment of a transition plan, including, as appropriate, steps to exit from the program.
	✓		4. As required in 20 U.S.C. 1437(a)(6), the State has provided its policies and procedures that require the referral for early intervention services under this part of a child under the age of 3 who - (A) is involved in a substantiated case of abuse or neglect; or (B) is identified as affected by illegal substance abuse, or withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure.

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	✓		<p>5. As required in 20 U.S.C. 1437(a)(9)(A), the State has provided its policies and procedures that ensures a smooth transition for toddlers receiving early intervention services under this part (and children receiving those services under by 20 U.S.C 1435(c)) to preschool, school, other appropriate services, or exiting the program, including a description of how: (i) the families of such toddlers and children will be included in the transition plans required 20 U.S.C. 1437(a)(9)(C); and (ii) the lead agency designated or established under 20 U.S.C. 1435(a)(10) will (I) notify the local educational agency for the area in which such a child resides that the child will shortly reach the age of eligibility for preschool services under Part B, as determined in accordance with State law; (II) in the case of a child who may be eligible for such preschool services, with the approval of the family of the child, convene a conference among the lead agency, the family, and the local educational agency not less than 90 days (and at the discretion of all such parties, not more than 9 months) before the child is eligible for the preschool services, to discuss any such services that the child may receive; and (III) in the case of a child who may not be eligible for such preschool services, with the approval of the family, make reasonable efforts to convene a conference among the lead agency, the family, and providers of other appropriate services for children who are not eligible for preschool services under Part B, to discuss the appropriate services that the child may receive.</p>		
			Optional Policies/Methods		
			<p>Type in 'NA' for not applicable under 'No' in the cells to the left if the State has not exercised this option.</p>		
			N/A	<p>6. As required in 20 U.S.C. 1437(a)(4), if the State provides services to at-risk infants and toddlers through the statewide system, the State has provided its: 1) description of services to at-risk infants and toddlers, and 2) definition of 'at-risk' under 20 U.S.C. 1432(5)(B)(i).</p>	

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		✓	<p><i>Enter 'NA' in the cells to the left if the State does not have a system of payment. (See Section IV.A)</i></p> <p>7. As required in 20 U.S.C. 1432(4)(B) and 1437(a)(3)(A), the State has provided its policies and/or procedures that identify the State's system of payments for Part C services.</p>	
			N/A	<p><i>Enter 'NA' in the cells to the left if this statement is not applicable; otherwise check the 'N' cell under the 'Yes' column and attach all policies.</i></p> <p>8. As described in 20 U.S.C. 1435(c) the State has provided its policy, developed and implemented jointly by the lead agency and the State educational agency, under which parents of children with disabilities who are eligible for services under 20 U.S.C. 1419 and previously received services under this part, may choose the continuation of early intervention services (which includes an educational component that promotes school readiness and incorporates preliteracy, language, and numeracy skills) for such children under this part until such children enter, or are eligible under State law to enter, kindergarten.</p> <p>The statewide system ensures that--</p> <p>(A) parents of children with disabilities served pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1435(c) are provided annual notice that contains--</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) a description of the rights of such parents to elect to receive services pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1435(c) or under Part B; and (ii) an explanation of the differences between services provided pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1435(c) and services provided under Part B, including-- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (I) types of services and the locations at which the services are provided; (II) applicable procedural safeguards; and (III) possible costs (including any fees to be charged to families as described in 20 U.S.C. 1432(4)(B)), if any,

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<p align="center">Yes</p> <p>(If New or Revised is checked, the State is submitting policies, procedures, methods, and descriptions with this application. If already 'On File' with OSEP, check OF.)</p>		<p align="center">No</p> <p>(Policies, procedures, methods, and descriptions have not been provided. Provide date by which State will submit to OSEP required documentation, which date shall be no later than June 30, 2009.)</p>		
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			<p align="center">to parents of infants or toddlers with disabilities;</p> <p>(B) services provided pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1435(c) include an educational component that promotes school readiness and incorporates preliteracy, language, and numeracy skills;</p> <p>(C) the State policy will not affect the right of any child served pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1435(c) to instead receive a free appropriate public education under Part B;</p> <p>(D) all early intervention services outlined in the child's individualized family service plan under 20 U.S.C. 1436 are continued while any eligibility determination is being made for services under 20 U.S.C. 1435(c);</p> <p>(E) the parents of infants or toddlers with disabilities (as defined in 20 U.S.C. 1432(5)(A)) provide informed written consent to the State, before such infants or toddlers reach 3 years of age, as to whether such parents intend to choose the continuation of early intervention services pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1435(c) for such infants or toddlers;</p> <p>(F) the requirements under 20 U.S.C. 1437(a)(9) shall not apply with respect to a child who is receiving services in accordance with 20 U.S.C. 1435(c) until not less than 90 days (and at the discretion of the parties to the conference, not more than 9 months) before the time the child will no longer receive those services; and</p> <p>(G) there will be a referral for evaluation for early intervention services of a child who experiences a substantiated case of trauma due to exposure to family violence (as defined in section 320 of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act).</p> <p>The State shall submit to the Secretary, in the State's report under 20 U.S.C. 1437(b)(4)(A), a report on the number and percentage of children with disabilities who are eligible for services under 20 U.S.C. 1419 but whose parents choose for such children to continue to receive early intervention services under this part.</p> <p>The policy shall include a description of the funds (including an</p>	

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			identification as Federal, State, or local funds) that will be used to ensure that the option described 20 U.S.C. 1435(c)(1) is available to eligible children and families who provide the consent described in 20 U.S.C. 1435(c)(2)(E), including fees (if any) to be charged to families as described in 20 U.S.C. 1432(4)(B). In accordance with 20 U.S.C. 1435(c)(5)(A), when providing services to a child with a disability who is eligible for services under 20 U.S.C. 1419 the State is not required to provide the child with a free appropriate public education under Part B for the period of time in which the child is receiving services under Part C.	
			N/A	Enter 'NA' in the cells to the left if this statement is not applicable; otherwise check either the 'N' or 'R' cell under the 'Yes' column and attach appropriate written methods. See the Optional Technical Assistance Checklist for the full provisions of 20 U.S.C. 1440. 9. The State has chosen to meet the requirement to establish financial responsibility for early intervention services under 20 U.S.C. 1440(b)(1) through 'appropriate written methods' under 20 U.S.C. 1440(b)(3)(C) other than State statute or regulation or signed interagency agreements.
			Descriptions	
		✓		10. As required by Section 427 of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA), the State has identified barriers and developed strategies to address the barriers and has provided a description of the steps the State is taking to ensure equitable access to, and participation in Part C.
		✓		11. As required in 20 U.S.C. 1437(a)(3)(B), the State has provided a description of early intervention services to be provided to infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families through the statewide system.
		✓		12. As required in 20 U.S.C. 1437(a)(5), the State has provided a description of the uses for which funds will be expended in accordance with this part. (See Section III. If the State is

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			<i>submitting a completed Section III, check 'N' under the 'Yes' column to the left.)</i>	
		✓		13. As required in 20 U.S.C. 1437(a)(7) the State has provided a description of the procedures used to ensure that resources are made available under this part for all geographic areas within the State.
		✓		14. As required in 20 U.S.C. 1437(a)(8) the State has provided a description of the policies and procedures used to ensure that, prior to the adoption by the State of any other policy or procedure necessary to meet the requirements of this part, there are public hearings, adequate notice of the hearings, and an opportunity for comment available to the general public, including individuals with disabilities and parents of infants and toddlers with disabilities.
			06/30/09	15. As required in 20 U.S.C. 1437(a)(10) the State has provided a description of State efforts to promote collaboration among Early Head Start programs under section 645A of the Head Start Act, early education and child care programs, and services under Part C.

B. Assurances and Optional Assurance

The State makes the following assurances and provisions as required by Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. (20 U.S.C. 1431 et.seq.)

Check and enter date(s) as applicable		Assurances (20 U.S.C. 1434;1435; and 1437(b))
Yes <i>(Assurance is hereby provided.)</i>	No <i>(Assurance cannot be ensured. Provide date on which State will complete changes in order to provide assurance.)</i>	
✓		1. As applicable, the assurance found in OMB Standard Form 424(B) (Assurances for Non-Construction Programs), relating to legal authority to apply for assistance; access to records; conflict of interest; merit systems; nondiscrimination; Hatch Act provisions; labor standards; flood insurance; environmental standards; wild and scenic river systems; historic preservation; protection of human subjects; animal welfare; lead-based paint; Single Audit Act; and general agreement to comply with all Federal laws, executive orders and regulations is in place.
	06/30/09	2. The State has adopted a policy that appropriate early intervention services are available to all infants and toddlers with disabilities in the State and their families, including Indian infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families residing on a reservation geographically located in the State, infants and toddlers with disabilities who are homeless children and their families, and infants and toddlers with disabilities who are wards of the State; and has in effect a statewide comprehensive, coordinated, multidisciplinary, interagency system to provide early intervention services, for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families, that meet the requirements of 20 U.S.C 1401, and 1431-1443. <i>See the Optional Technical Assistance Checklist for the full provisions of 1401 and 1432.</i>
✓		3. The State has in effect a policy that ensures that appropriate early intervention services based on scientifically based research, to the extent practicable, are available to all infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families, including Indian infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families residing on a reservation geographically located in the State and infants and toddlers with disabilities who are homeless children and their families in accordance with 20 U.S.C. 1435(a)(2).
✓		4. The State has in effect a timely, comprehensive, multidisciplinary evaluation of the functioning of each infant or toddler with a disability in the State, and a family-directed identification of the needs of each

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		family of such an infant or toddler, to assist appropriately in the development of the infant or toddler in accordance with 20 U.S.C. 1435(a)(3).
✓		5. For each infant or toddler with a disability in the State, the State has an individualized family service plan in accordance with 20 U.S.C. 1436, including service coordination services in accordance with such service plan. (20 U.S.C. 1435(a)(4)) <i>See Optional Technical Assistance Checklist for the full provisions of 20 U.S.C. 1436.</i>
✓		6. The State has a comprehensive child find system, consistent with Part B, including a system for making referrals to service providers that includes timelines and provides for participation by primary referral sources and that ensures rigorous standards for appropriately identifying infants and toddlers with disabilities for services under this part that will reduce the need for future services. (20 U.S.C. 1435(a)(5))
✓		7. The State has a public awareness program focusing on early identification of infants and toddlers with disabilities, including the preparation and dissemination by the lead agency designated or established under 20 U.S.C. 1435(a)(10) to all primary referral sources, especially hospitals and physicians, of information to be given to parents, especially to inform parents with premature infants, or infants with other physical risk factors associated with learning or developmental complications, on the availability of early intervention services under this part and of services under 20 U.S.C. 1419, and procedures for assisting such sources in disseminating such information to parents of infants and toddlers with disabilities. (20 U.S.C. 1435(a)(6))
✓		8. The State has a central directory that includes information on early intervention services, resources, and experts available in the State and research and demonstration projects being conducted in the State. (20 U.S.C. 1435(a)(7))
✓		9. The State has a comprehensive system of personnel development, including the training of paraprofessionals and the training of primary referral sources with respect to the basic components of early intervention services available in the State that

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		<p>(A) includes--</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) implementing innovative strategies and activities for the recruitment and retention of early education service providers; (ii) promoting the preparation of early intervention providers who are fully and appropriately qualified to provide early intervention services under this part; and (iii) training personnel to coordinate transition services for infants and toddlers served under this part from a program providing early intervention services under this part and under Part B (other than 20 U.S.C. 1419), to a preschool program receiving funds under 20 U.S.C. 1419, or another appropriate program; and <p>(B) may include--</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) training personnel to work in rural and inner-city areas; and (ii) training personnel in the emotional and social development of young children. <p>(20 U.S.C. 1435(a)(8)(A) and (B))</p>
	06/30/09	<p>10. The State has policies and procedures relating to the establishment and maintenance of qualifications to ensure that personnel necessary to carry out this part are appropriately and adequately prepared and trained, including the establishment and maintenance of qualifications that are consistent with any State-approved or recognized certification, licensing, registration, or other comparable requirements that apply to the area in which such personnel are providing early intervention services, except that nothing in this part (including this paragraph) shall be construed to prohibit the use of paraprofessionals and assistants who are appropriately trained and supervised in accordance with State law, regulation, or written policy, to assist in the provision of early intervention services under this part to infants and toddlers with disabilities. (20 U.S.C. 1432 and 1435(a)(9))</p>
✓		<p>11. The State has a single line of responsibility in a lead agency designated or established by the Governor for carrying out -</p> <p>(A) the general administration and supervision of programs and activities receiving assistance under 20 U.S.C. 1433, and the monitoring of programs and activities used by the State to carry</p>

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		<p>out this part, whether or not such programs or activities are receiving assistance made available under 20 U.S.C. 1433, to ensure that the State complies with this part;</p> <p>(B) the identification and coordination of all available resources within the State from Federal, State, local, and private sources;</p> <p>(C) the assignment of financial responsibility in accordance with 20 U.S.C. 1437(a)(2) to the appropriate agencies;</p> <p>(D) the development of procedures to ensure that services are provided to infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families under this part in a timely manner pending the resolution of any disputes among public agencies or service providers;</p> <p>(E) the resolution of intra- and interagency disputes; and</p> <p>(F) the entry into formal interagency agreements that define the financial responsibility of each agency for paying for early intervention services (consistent with State law) and procedures for resolving disputes and that include all additional components necessary to ensure meaningful cooperation and coordination. <i>See Optional Technical Assistance Checklist for the full provisions of 20 U.S.C. 1440.</i></p> <p>(20 U.S.C. 1435(a)(10)(A)-(F) and 1440)</p>
✓		<p>12. The State has a policy pertaining to the contracting or making of other arrangements with service providers to provide early intervention services in the State, consistent with the provisions of Part C, including the contents of the application used and the conditions of the contract or other arrangements. (20 U.S.C. 1435(a)(11))</p>
✓		<p>13. The State has a procedure for securing timely reimbursements of funds used under this part in accordance with 20 U.S.C. 1440(a). <i>See Optional Technical Assistance Checklist for the full provisions of 20 U.S.C. 1440.</i> (20 U.S.C. 1435(a)(12) and 1440)</p>
✓		<p>14. The State has procedural safeguards with respect to programs under this part, as required by 20 U.S.C. 1439. (20 U.S.C. 1435(a)(13)) <i>See Optional Technical Assistance Checklist for applicable provisions of 20 U.S.C. 1415 and 1439.</i></p>

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✓		15. The State has a system for compiling data requested by the Secretary under section 618 that relates to this part. (20 U.S.C. 1418, 1435(a)(14) and 1442)
	06/30/09	16. The State has a State interagency coordinating council that meets the requirements of 20 U.S.C. 1441. (20 U.S.C. 1435(a)(15)) See <i>Optional Technical Assistance Checklist for the full provisions of 20 U.S.C. 1441.</i>
✓		17. The State has policies and procedures to ensure that, consistent with 20 U.S.C 1436(d)(5): A) to the maximum extent appropriate, early intervention services are provided in natural environments; and B) the provision of early intervention services for any infant or toddler with a disability occurs in a setting other than a natural environment that is most appropriate, as determined by the parent and the individualized family service plan team, only when early intervention cannot be achieved satisfactorily for the infant or toddler in a natural environment. (20 U.S.C. 1435(a)(16))
✓		18. The State ensures that Federal funds made available under 20 U.S.C. 1443 will be expended in accordance with this part. (20 U.S.C. 1437(b)(1) and 1438)
✓		19. The State ensures that it has methods in place to comply with the requirements of 20 U.S.C. 1440. (20 U.S.C. 1437(b)(2)) <i>State's response should be consistent with Certification #3 below.</i>
✓		20. The State ensures that the control of funds provided under 20 U.S.C. 1443, and title to property derived from those funds, will be in a public agency for the uses and purposes provided in this part and that a public agency will administer such funds and property. (20 U.S.C. 1437(b)(3))
✓		21. The State ensures that provisions shall be made for-- (A) making such reports in such form and containing such information as the Secretary may require to carry out the Secretary's functions under this part; and (B) keeping such reports and affording such access to the reports as the Secretary may find necessary to ensure the correctness and verification of those reports and proper disbursement of Federal

Check and enter date(s) as applicable		Assurances (20 U.S.C. 1434;1435; and 1437(b))
Yes <i>(Assurance is hereby provided.)</i>	No <i>(Assurance cannot be ensured. Provide date on which State will complete changes in order to provide assurance.)</i>	
		funds under this part. (20 U.S.C. 1437(b)(4))
✓		22. The State ensures that the Federal funds made available under 20 U.S.C. 1443 to the State-- (A) will not be commingled with State funds; and (B) will be used so as to supplement the level of State and local funds expended for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families and in no case to supplant those State and local funds. (20 U.S.C. 1437(b)(5))
✓		23. The State ensures that fiscal control and fund accounting procedures will be adopted as may be necessary to ensure proper disbursement of, and accounting for, Federal funds paid under 20 U.S.C. 1443 to the State. (20 U.S.C. 1437(b)(6))
✓		24. The State ensures that policies and procedures have been adopted to ensure meaningful involvement of underserved groups, including minority, low-income, homeless, and rural families and children with disabilities who are wards of the State, in the planning and implementation of all the requirements of Part C. (20 U.S.C. 1437(b)(7))
✓		25. The State assures that it shall provide other information and assurances as the Secretary may reasonably require by regulation. (20 U.S.C. 1437(b)(8)).
Optional Assurance		
✓		<i>Enter 'NA' in the cells to the left if this assurance is not applicable.</i> 26. The State has adopted a policy that includes making ongoing good-faith efforts to recruit and hire appropriately and adequately trained personnel to provide early intervention services to infants and toddlers with disabilities, including, in a geographic area of the State where there is a shortage of such personnel, the most qualified individuals available who are making satisfactory progress toward completing applicable course work necessary to meet the standards described in 20 U.S.C. 1435(a)(9). (20 U.S.C. 1435(b))

C. Certifications

The State Lead Agency is providing the following certifications:

Yes	
✓	<p>1. The State certifies that ED Form 80-0013, <i>Certification Regarding Lobbying</i>, is on file with the Secretary of Education.</p> <p>With respect to the <i>Certification Regarding Lobbying</i> the State recertifies that no Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making or renewal of Federal grants under this program; that the State shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," when required (34 CFR Part 82, Appendix B); and that the State Agency shall require the full certification, as set forth in 34 CFR Part 82, Appendix A, in the award documents for all sub awards at all tiers.</p>
✓	<p>2. The State certifies that it has met the certifications in the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) at 34 CFR §80.11 relating to State eligibility, authority and approval to submit and carry out the provisions of its State application, and consistency of that application with State law are in place within the State.</p>
✓	<p>3. The State certifies that the methods or arrangements to establish financial responsibility for early intervention services provided under Part C pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1440(b) are current as of the date of this Application certification. (20 U.S.C. 1437(a)(2) and 1440). <i>See Item 9 in Section II.A above regarding including, with this Application for the Secretary's review, 'other appropriate written methods' to meet the requirements of 20 U.S.C. 1440(b). State's response under Assurance #19 above should be consistent with its response to this Certification.</i></p>

Enclosure B

South Carolina FFY 2008 Special Conditions

I. Basis for Requiring Special Conditions

Pursuant to 34 CFR §80.12, the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) is imposing Special Conditions on South Carolina's Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2008 grant award under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (Part C). The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Conservation (DHEC) is the lead agency responsible for implementing the Part C early intervention program in South Carolina.

The Department entered into a Compliance Agreement in September 2003, under which DHEC developed and implemented its new monitoring system to enable the State to identify and timely correct noncompliance with Part C requirements as required by 34 CFR §303.501(b). South Carolina's March 2007 final submission under its Compliance Agreement included a chronological list of early intervention service (EIS) programs monitored, a list of findings of noncompliance (including findings made in FFY 2004, FFY 2005 and FFY 2006) and the status of correction of those findings (including correction of some findings). The Compliance Agreement ended in September 2006 and South Carolina was required to continue reporting on its timely correction of noncompliance through the State Performance Plan (SPP) and Annual Performance Report (APR) process.

The State failed to provide any data on timely correction under Indicator 9, in its FFY 2005 APR submitted on February 1, 2007. OSEP's June 15, 2007 response to that APR required the State to provide, in its FFY 2006 APR, updated correction data for the findings that South Carolina had reported in its March 2007 Compliance Agreement submission. However, in its FFY 2006 APR submitted on February 1, 2008, the State reported that it had made no findings of noncompliance and that it had no data on timely correction to report. In addition, the State reported no data under Indicator 9 for FFY 2004 in its original SPP submitted in December 2005. Given the lack of data on timely correction for FFYs 2004, 2005 and 2006, OSEP cannot determine whether the State is exercising its general supervision responsibilities to monitor for compliance with Part C requirements and to ensure timely correction of identified noncompliance as required by 34 CFR §303.501(b) and thus, is imposing these Special Conditions.

II. Nature of the Special Conditions

Pursuant to these Special Conditions, the State must provide to OSEP by May 15, 2009 data demonstrating compliance with the requirements of 34 CFR §303.501(b). To document its progress in ensuring the timely correction of noncompliance, DHEC must submit:

1. Its first progress report with the State's FFY 2007 APR due by February 2, 2009, data through December 31, 2008 (in a list or chart format) on: (1) each EIS program monitored in FFYs 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 (from July 1, 2004 through July 30, 2008) and for the first half of FFY 2008 (from July 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008); (b) the number of findings of noncompliance that the State made as a result of such monitoring, disaggregating by topical Part C requirement, the area of those findings); (c) the number and percentage of those findings corrected within one year from identification; (d) for those findings not corrected, a description of DHEC's efforts to ensure compliance and the status of correction; and (e) all other efforts by DHEC to ensure compliance during the FFYs 2006 and 2007 reporting periods (such as data reviews, self-assessments, etc.).

2. In its second progress report, due by May 15, 2009, updated data through April 30, 2009 (in a list or chart format) on: (1) each EIS program monitored in FFYs 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 (from July 1, 2004 through April 30, 2009); (b) the number of findings of noncompliance that the State made as a result of such monitoring, disaggregating by topical Part C requirement, the area of those findings); (c) the number and percentage of those findings corrected within one year from identification; (d) for those findings not corrected, a description of DHEC's efforts to ensure compliance and the status of correction; and (e) all other efforts by DHEC to ensure compliance during the FFYs 2006 and 2007 reporting periods (such as data reviews, self-assessments, etc.).

III. Evidence Necessary for Conditions To Be Removed

The Department will remove the special conditions if, at any time prior to the expiration of the grant year, South Carolina provides documentation, satisfactory to the Department, that it has satisfied the Special Conditions set forth above, which require South Carolina to submit data demonstrating that DHEC is monitoring for compliance with Part C requirements and ensuring the timely correction of identified noncompliance as required by 34 FR §303.501(b).

IV. Method of Requesting Reconsideration

South Carolina may write to OSEP Acting Director, William W. Knudsen, at the address below, if it wishes the Department to reconsider any aspect of these Special Conditions. The request must describe in detail the changes to the Special Conditions sought by DHEC and the reasons for those requested changes.

V. Submission of Reports

All reports submitted by South Carolina to the Department under these Special Conditions must be submitted to:

U.S. Department of Education
Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services
Attention: Dawn C Ellis
400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20202-2550



**U.S. Department of Education
Washington, D.C. 20202**

GRANT AWARD NOTIFICATION

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PR/AWARD NUMBER: H181A080036

RECIPIENT NAME: SC DEPT. OF HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- (1) UNDER THE "TYDINGS AMENDMENT," SECTION 421(b) OF THE GENERAL EDUCATION PROVISIONS ACT, 20 U.S.C. 1225(b), ANY FUNDS THAT ARE NOT OBLIGATED AT THE END OF THE FEDERAL FUNDING PERIOD SPECIFIED IN BLOCK 6 SHALL REMAIN AVAILABLE FOR OBLIGATION FOR AN ADDITIONAL PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS.
- (2) WHEN ISSUING STATEMENTS, PRESS RELEASES, REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS, BID SOLICITATIONS, AND OTHER DOCUMENTS DESCRIBING THIS PROJECT OR PROGRAMS FUNDED IN WHOLE OR IN PART WITH FEDERAL MONEY, ALL GRANTEES RECEIVING FEDERAL FUNDS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, SHALL STATE CLEARLY:
 - 1) THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT,
 - 2) THE PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL COST OF THE PROJECT THAT WILL BE FINANCED WITH FEDERAL FUNDS, AND
 - 3) THE PERCENTAGE AND DOLLAR AMOUNT OF THE TOTAL COST OF THE PROJECT THAT WILL BE FINANCED BY NON-GOVERNMENTAL SOURCES.

AS OF 07/01/97, FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) WILL REFER TO THE YEAR THE FUNDS WERE APPROPRIATED.



AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL



DATE

EXPLANATION OF BLOCKS ON THE GRANT AWARD NOTIFICATION

For Discretionary, Formula, and Block Grants

(See Block 5 of the Notification)

1. **RECIPIENT NAME** - The legal name of the recipient, name of the primary organizational unit that will undertake the funded activity, and the complete address of the recipient. The recipient is commonly known as the "grantee."
2. **PROJECT TITLE AND CFDA NUMBER** - Identifies the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) subprogram title and the associated subprogram number.
3. **PROJECT STAFF** - This block contains the names and telephone numbers of the U.S. Department of Education and recipient staff who are responsible for project direction and oversight.
 - *RECIPIENT PROJECT DIRECTOR** - The recipient staff person responsible for administering the project. This person represents the recipient to the U.S. Department of Education.
 - EDUCATION PROGRAM CONTACT** - The U.S. Department of Education staff person responsible for the programmatic, administrative and business-management concerns of the Department.
 - EDUCATION PAYMENT CONTACT** - The U.S. Department of Education staff person responsible for payments or questions concerning electronic drawdown and financial expenditure reporting.
4. *** KEY PERSONNEL** - Name, title and percentage (%) of effort the key personnel identified devotes to the project.
5. **AWARD INFORMATION** - Unique items of information that identify this notification.
 - PR/AWARD NUMBER** - A unique, identifying number assigned by the Department to each application. On funded applications, this is commonly known as the "grant number" or "document number."
 - ACTION NUMBER** - A numeral that represents the cumulative number of steps taken by the Department to date to establish or modify the award through fiscal or administrative means. Action number "01" will always be "NEW AWARD"
 - ACTION TYPE** - The nature of this notification (e.g., NEW AWARD, CONTINUATION, REVISION, ADMINISTRATIVE)
 - AWARD TYPE** - The particular assistance category in which funding for this award is provided, i.e., DISCRETIONARY, FORMULA, or BLOCK.
6. **AWARD PERIODS** - Project activities and funding are approved with respect to three different time periods, described below:
 - BUDGET PERIOD** - A specific interval of time for which Federal funds are being provided from a particular fiscal year to fund a recipient's approved activities and budget. The start and end dates of the budget period are shown.
 - PERFORMANCE PERIOD** - The complete length of time the recipient is proposed to be funded to complete approved activities. A performance period may contain one or more budget periods.
 - *FUTURE BUDGET PERIODS** - The estimated remaining budget periods for multi-year projects and estimated funds the Department proposes it will award the recipient provided substantial progress is made by the recipient in completing approved activities, the Department determines that continuing the project would be in the best interest of the Government, Congress appropriates sufficient funds under the program, and the recipient has submitted a performance report that provides the most current performance information and the status of budget expenditures.
7. **AUTHORIZED FUNDING** - The dollar figures in this block refer to the *Federal* funds provided to a recipient during the award periods.
 - *THIS ACTION** - The amount of funds obligated (added) or de-obligated (subtracted) by this notification.
 - *BUDGET PERIOD** - The total amount of funds available for use by the grantee during the stated budget period to this date.
 - *PERFORMANCE PERIOD** - The amount of funds obligated from the start date of the first budget period to this date.
 - RECIPIENT COST-SHARE** - The funds, expressed as a percentage, that the recipient is required to contribute to the project, as defined by the program legislation or regulations and/or terms and conditions of the award.
 - RECIPIENT NON-FEDERAL AMOUNT** - The amount of non-federal funds the recipient must contribute to the project as identified in the recipient's application. When non-federal funds are identified by the recipient where a cost share is not a legislation requirement, the recipient will be required to provide the non-federal funds.
8. **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION** - This information is provided to assist the recipient in completing the approved activities and managing the project in accordance with U.S. Department of Education procedures and regulations.
 - DUNS/SSN** - A unique, identifying number assigned to each recipient for payment purposes. The number is based on either the recipient's assigned number from Dun and Bradstreet or the individual's social security number.
 - *REGULATIONS** - The parts of the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) and specific program regulations that govern the award and administration of this grant.
 - *ATTACHMENTS** - Additional sections of the Grant Award Notification that discuss payment and reporting requirements, explain Department procedures, and add special terms and conditions in addition to those established, and shown as clauses, in Block 10 of the award. Any attachments provided with a notification continue in effect through the project period until modified or rescinded by the Authorizing Official.
9. **LEGISLATIVE AND FISCAL DATA** - The name of the authorizing legislation for this grant, the CFDA title of the program through which funding is provided, and U.S. Department of Education fiscal information.
 - FUND CODE, FUNDING YEAR, AWARD YEAR, ORG. CODE, PROJECT CODE, OBJECT CLASS** - The fiscal information recorded by the U.S. Department of Education's Grant Administration and Payment System to track obligations by award.
 - AMOUNT** - The amount of funds provided from a particular appropriation and project code. Some notifications authorize more than one amount from separate appropriations and/or project codes. The total of all amounts in this block equals the amount shown on the line, "THIS ACTION" (See "AUTHORIZED FUNDING" above (Block 7)).
10. **TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AWARD** - Requirements of the award that are binding on the recipient.
 - *AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL** - The U.S. Department of Education official authorized to award Federal funds to the recipient, establish or change the terms and conditions of the award, and authorize modifications to the award.

FOR FORMULA AND BLOCK GRANTS ONLY:

(See also Blocks 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10 above)

3. **EDUCATION STAFF** - The U.S. Department of Education staff persons to be contacted for programmatic and payment questions.
7. **AUTHORIZED FUNDING**
 - CURRENT AWARD AMOUNT** - The amount of funds that are obligated (added) or de-obligated (subtracted) by this action.
 - PREVIOUS CUMULATIVE AMOUNT** - The total amount of funds awarded under the grant before this action.
 - CUMULATIVE AMOUNT** - The total amount of funds awarded under the grant, this action included.

* This item differs or does not appear on formula and block grants.