Dear Roberto M. Gutierrez:

We are pleased to inform you that your recent request for Designation As An Eligible Institution under Title III and Title V programs of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 (HEA) is approved. Subject to the specific program requirements, your institution may apply for a new grant under any of the Title III programs and the Title V, Hispanic-Serving Institutions Programs.

As a result of receiving this designation, your institution is also eligible for a waiver of the non-Federal share matching requirements under the Federal Work Study Program, the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program, and the TRIO Student Support Services Program under Title IV of the HEA, as well as the Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program authorized by Title VI of the HEA. The eligibility for a waiver of the non-Federal share matching requirements applies for a five-year period beginning July 1, 2011. The offices within the Department that administer those specific programs will handle the waiver of the cost sharing. Accordingly, you do not need to reapply for designation as an eligible institution for five years, unless you wish to apply for a grant under the Title III programs or the Title V, Hispanic-Serving Institutions Programs. You must apply for eligibility designation in each year you wish to participate in a program competition for funding.

The offices within the Department that administer those specific programs will handle the waiver of the cost sharing. This letter must be retained as evidence of your eligibility and for an adequate audit trail.

If you have questions concerning this designation, please contact Kelley Harris at kelley.harris@ed.gov or 202 219-7083 or Carnisia Proctor at carnisia.proctor@ed.gov or 202 502-7606.

Sincerely,

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