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January 27, 2011

The University of Texas at Brownsville
80 Fort Brown, Tandy Hall Ste. 100
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ATTN: Ms. Linda Granja, Financial Analysis Manager

SUBJ: Desk Review Report for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), State Fiscal Stabilization (SFSF), Government Services Fund, Subrecipient award

REF: (a) THECB ARRA Notice of Grant Award No. 3656
(b) U.S. Department of Education (USDE) Award No.S397A090044

Dear Ms. Granja,

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) has conducted a desk review of the referenced (a) subaward, and you will find attached for your review and comment the final report of that monitoring effort, with no areas of testing requiring follow-up from your institution:

Your response via email is requested within fifteen (15) business days of receipt of this letter to: (a) confirm receipt of the THECB's desk review monitoring report; and, (b) provide a follow-up response and any additional comments relevant to the monitoring activities.

In addition, please be advised that in the interest of increased transparency under ARRA, the U.S. Department of Education has requested that the THECB post all monitoring reports and management responses to its ARRA grants program website.

The THECB sincerely appreciates the opportunity to work with your staff in this endeavor and the commitment your institution has made to ensure this ARRA project has met its requirements of accountability and transparency. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at the numbers listed below

Sincerely,
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Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
ARRA Grant Program
Desk Review Evaluation

Subrecipient:	The University of Texas At Brownsville
NOGA:	**3656**
Amount of Award:	$859,371
Period of Performance:	October 01, 2009 to August 31, 2011
EIN:	742759269
DUNS:	800187965

Y/N	Desk Review Item
Y	1. **Does the subrecipient have an A-133 Audit on file that is <u>free</u> of any <u>significant deficiencies</u>?** Search the Federal Audit Clearinghouse to determine availability of latest information for community colleges at http://harvester.census.gov/sac/, or the SAO Federal Portion of the Statewide Single Audit Report for universities and state agencies at http://www.sao.state.tx.us/Reports/report.cfm/report/10-339. Review Data Collection Form (OMB No. 0348-0057) Parts II (Financial) and III (Federal Programs) for risk assessment, deficiencies, or material weaknesses.
N/A	2. **If "No" to #1, is there a Management Response and/or a Corrective Action Plan on file?**
N/A	3. **Are all equipment purchases over $5,000 accounted for on subrecipient's inventory list?** Check that equipment items purchased with ARRA funds are documented on the institution's inventory list and designated as ARRA purchases. Test all equipment items, up to ten items. If more than ten items have been purchased, test the ten most expensive. Test 50% of all subrecipient reports, up to five reports.
Y	4. **Is the subrecipient's reported jobs data <u>free</u> of errors?** Reconcile jobs data (retained and/or created as required) submitted to date with subrecipient time sheets or effort reports that verify accuracy of "actual hours worked" information. Test 50% of all subrecipient reports, up to five reports.
Y	5. **Is the subrecipient following their approved budget plan?** Compare actual expenditures to the approved budget; determine if 10% of the total project expenditures are over/under budget and if a budget modification is required.
Y	6. **Has the subrecipient been consistent with submitting quality supporting data with their reimbursement requests?** This refers to quality of data, need for repeated requests for clarification, and time needed for subrecipient to respond to requests for additional data.

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Desk Review Scoring

NOGA# **3656**

Question	Subject	Answer	Weight	Data Input	Risk
1	A-133	Y	0	Y	0
		N	50		
2	CAP	Y	0	N/A	0
		N	50		
3	Equipment	Y	0	N/A	0
		N	50		
4	Jobs	Y	0	Y	0
		N	50		
5	Budget	Y	0	Y	0
		N	50		
6	Source	Y	0	Y	0
		N	50		
				TOTAL	**0**

Higher points = greater risk
Maximum points = 300
Requires further monitoring (high risk @ 60%) = 200-300 range

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ARRA Grants Program
Desk Review Details and Approvals

Date of Review	Initial THECB Reviewer
10/20/2010	Johnnie Johnson
Item #	**Comments/Observations**
1	A review of the most recent State of Texas A-133 filing certification indicated significant deficiencies. However, a search of the SAO Federal Portion of the Statewide Single Audit Report for universities and state agencies indicated that The University of Texas at Brownsville was not listed on the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.
2	The subrecipient was not listed on the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs of the Federal portion of the Statewide Single Audit Report for year ended August 31, 2009.
3	There was no budget for equipment and no capital equipment reimbursement request was received from the subrecipient.
4	The entire award was budgeted toward Personnel/Salaries and all funds were requested on the institution's April 2010 Reimbursement Request. Hours were reported on the subrecipient's April 2010 Progress Report in the amount of 32743. The institution submitted a Report Modification Request form on 04/23/10 which changed the reported hours for April 2010 to 33,158. The subrecipient submitted additional documentation that validated the hours as reported on the Report Modification Request form.
5	Based on the budget information in the ARRA Financial Tracker, the approved budget plan was followed and the project expenditures were not over or under the 10% requirement.
6	All funds were requested on in April 2010. No issues were found regarding quality of data and need for additional information.
Date Review Completed	**THECB Reviewer Signature**
1/21/2011	
Date Closed	**THECB Approval Signature**

APPROVED
By Dan Griffiths at 1:08 pm, Jan 27, 2011