VIA U.S. MAIL AND E-MAIL
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Brian Newby, Executive Director
U. S. Election Assistance Commission
1335 East-West Highway, Suite 4300
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Re: Request for Entirety of 2018 HAVA Grant Funds Allocated to Mississippi

Dear Mr. Newby:

The purpose of this letter is to certify the State of Mississippi will use the funds provided under the Notice of Grant Award, Agreement Number MS1810 for activities consistent with the laws described in Section 906 of HAVA and will not use the funds in a manner inconsistent with the requirements of Title III of HAVA. We further certify we have reviewed and accept the terms of the award as specified in the Notice of Grant Award letter dated April 17, 2018. Our UEI number (formerly DUNS) is 154411755 and the signed Certification Regarding Lobbying is enclosed.

We are requesting the entire grant awarded to the State of Mississippi in the amount of Four Million Four Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Five Hundred and Forty-One Dollars ($4,483,541.00) at this time. We will develop the program narrative no later than June 30, 2018.

It is our intention to allocate approximately Four Million Dollars ($4,000,000.00) to the individual expenditures of our eighty-two (82) counties based upon voting-age population through an application process, similar to that previously utilized by the State in providing HAVA funds as reimbursement for expenses dedicated to polling places improvements made to ensure ADA compliance. The expenditures for which our counties now may be reimbursed with these HAVA monies will include the enhancement of election technology, such as the purchase of new voting machines or voting equipment, training for post-election procedures and the improvement of election security, such as the performance of cybersecurity audits or the enhancement of the county’s own network and election-related technology.
June 4, 2018

In addition, the State will dedicate a portion of this HAVA money to the development and implementation of dual-factor authentication for permitted users to access the Statewide Elections Management System (SEMS) and to the purchase of new hardware and software for our SEMS system as the current hardware is approaching end-of-life.

If you should have any question about this request, please do not hesitate to contact Kim Turner by phone at (601) 359-5137 or by email to kim.turner@sos.ms.gov.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Delbert Hosemann
Secretary of State

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Enclosure

cc: Mark Abbott, Director of Payments and Grants
mabott@eac.gov
To: US Election Assistance Commission

Certification Regarding Lobbying

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that: (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement. (2) If any funds other than 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 this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, “Disclosure of Lobbying Activities,” in accordance with its instructions. (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than $10,000 and not more than $100,000 for each such failure.

Kim Turner  
NAME

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TITLE

MS Sec of State  
ORGANIZATION

Signature  
6/5/18  
DATE

ii) Recipient integrity and performance matters. If the total Federal share of the Federal award may include more than $500,000 over the period of performance, the Federal awarding agency must include the term and condition available in Appendix XII—Award Term and Condition for Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters. See also 2 C.F.R. §200.113 Mandatory disclosures.