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Mona Harrington, Acting Executive Director
U.S. Election Assistance Commission
1335 East-West Highway, Suite 4300
Silver Spring, MD 20910

RE: 2020 HAVA CARES Act Grant - State of Louisiana

Dear Ms. Harrington:

The purpose of this letter is to certify that the State of Louisiana will use the funds provided under the Notice of Grant Award, Agreement #LA20101CARES, for activities consistent with the laws described in Section 906 of HAVA and will not use the funds in a manner that is inconsistent with the requirements of Title III of HAVA.

We further certify that we have reviewed and accept the terms of the award as specified in the Notice of Grant Award. Our UEI number (formerly DUNS) is 136983835 and the signed Certifications are enclosed.

We are requesting \$6,189,147. We will use the funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, domestically or internationally, for the 2020 Federal election cycle. To address the effects of the coronavirus on the election, we will spend these funds on our increased costs to provide Louisiana registered voters with an environment where they will feel safe to exercise their right to vote in the 2020 Federal election cycle. These expenditures include, but are not limited to, related expenses for an increase in absentee ballots including postage and mail ballot supplies such as additional ballots, envelopes, and instructional inserts; COC, ROV, and Commissioner pay for additional early voting hours; purchase/rental of scanners, printers, software, and other computer equipment needed for the adjudication process; advertising the notification of any change in polling locations; protective measure and social distancing supplies such as sanitizers, masks, gloves, disinfecting agents, protective clothing, and social distancing spacing discs; and operational support of the Secretary of State's employees.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Laura Sanders, Budget Administrator, at 225-362-5156 or laura.sanders@sos.la.gov.

Sincerely,



R. Kyle Ardoin
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CC: Kinza Ghaznavi, Grants Manager