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April 14, 2020

Mona Harrington  
Acting Executive Director  
U S Election Assistance Commission  
1335 East-West Highway Suite 4300  
Silver Spring MD 20910-3225

Dear Ms. Harrington:

I certify that the state of North Dakota will use funds provided under the Notice of Grant Award, Agreement # ND20101CARES, for activities consistent with the laws described in Section 906 of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) and will use the funds in a manner consistent with the requirements of Title III of HAVA.

In addition, I certify that I reviewed and will accept the terms of the award as specified in the Notice of Grant Award. Our UEI number (formerly DUNS) 3618 60661. Signed Certifications are enclosed.

Therefore, I request \$3,000,000 be granted to the State of North Dakota. The funds will be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus (COVID-19), domestically or internationally, for the 2020 Federal election cycle. To address the effects of the coronavirus on federal elections, the state plans are to do the following:

- Reduce reliance upon poll workers, who might be less available because of concerns related to COVID-19, and to respect social distancing guidance for in-person voting by conducting the state's June 9, 2020, election completely by mail and increasing the capabilities to process additional mail ballots in November.
- Purchase additional high-speed ballot scanners because of the increase in vote-by-mail balloting efforts.
- Acquire on-site support from the state's election vendor to assist with the facilitation and deployment of the new ballot scanning equipment.
- Improve the effectiveness of these initiatives by developing a statewide GIS precinct-level mapping effort, with an emphasis designed to improve accessibility for voters residing on tribal reservations.
- Enhance the development of incident planning and response capabilities.

If you have questions about the state's request, contact Deputy Secretary of State, Jim Silrum, at (701) 328-3660 or by e-mail at [jsilrum@nd.gov](mailto:jsilrum@nd.gov), or State Election Director, Brian Newby, at (701) 328-3721, or by e-mail at [bnewby@nd.gov](mailto:bnewby@nd.gov).

I thank you for your consideration of the state's request.

Sincerely,

Alvin A. Jaeger  
North Dakota Secretary of State

cc: Kinza Ghaznavi, Grants Manager