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Via Email

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

Dear Ms. Harrington:

The purpose of this letter is to certify that the state of Nevada will use the funds provided under the Notice of Grant Award, Agreement #NV20101CARES, 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 DUNS number is 360743967 and the signed Certifications are enclosed.

We are requesting \$4,496,720. 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 be mailing all active registered voters in Nevada a ballot for the June 9, 2020 primary election. We will also have limited in-person voting available for voters who need to vote in person. These changes are necessary to protect the health and safety of voters and election workers.

In order to conduct an all-mail election, additional voting equipment – such as high-speed scanners, ballot on-demand printers, and adjudication stations – will be necessary. Expenses totaling \$565,342 have already been incurred in order to procure the additional voting equipment. In addition to voting equipment, the CARES Act grant funds will be used for printing and postage since each county will have over an 800 percent increase in the number of mail ballots they print and deliver.

All ballots will come with a postage prepaid ballot return envelope, which represents another cost that has not existed previously. The Secretary of State will also use a portion of the CARES Act grant funds to engage in a large-scale voter education campaign since the change to an all-mail election is a significant shift and very few Nevada voters have voted by mail previously. All other approved county expenses will be reimbursed by the Secretary of State with CARES Act funds.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Wayne Thorley at 775-684-5720 or wthorley@sos.nv.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Wayne Thorley", written over a horizontal line.

Wayne Thorley
Deputy Secretary for Elections

cc Kinza Ghaznavi, Grants Manager