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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

Dear Ms. Harrington:

The purpose of this letter is to certify that the state of South Dakota will use the funds provided under the Notice of Grant Award, Agreement # SD20101CARES, 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 is 809579154 and the signed Certifications are enclosed.

We are requesting \$3,000,000.00. 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 sending absentee ballot requests to all registered voters in South Dakota to encourage our absentee vote-by-mail option. Associated costs with this project will include printing, mailing, and outreach efforts. We will also be securing precinct supply kits to provide cleaning supplies, disinfectants, and protective equipment to each in-person polling location in the state. We also anticipate increased absentee ballot costs due to the potential higher level of absentee voting.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Kea Warne at 605-773-5003 or Kea.Warne@state.sd.us.

Sincerely,

Steve Barnett
Secretary of State

Cc.
Kinza Ghaznavi, Grants Manager