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Education Program Specialist  
Office of State Support  
United States Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW 3W112  
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Dear Education Program Specialist,

The Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) is requesting a Tydings Waiver for excess funds for the federal fiscal year 2013 School Improvement Grant Award Notification (GAN) S377A130037. We are requesting the amount of \$716,913.55 be carried forward to federal fiscal year 2014 and re-awarded to Cohort 4 sites. All approvable Cohort 4 sites were fully awarded their budget request for year 1 implementation, therefore these funds are in excess of what was requested in the LEA applications.

- Oklahoma received GAN S377A130037 in the spring of 2014.
- Oklahoma fully awarded all approved Cohort 4 sites in the spring of 2014.
- Oklahoma allocated funds available July 1, 2014.
- USDE requested OSDE submit a Tydings Waiver to carryover unallocated funds.
- GAN S377A130037-13A was received fall of 2014 and is included in the waiver request.
- USDE requested OSDE submit a second Tydings Waiver to carryover unallocated funds as deadlines submitted in the original Tydings Waiver were not achievable for Cohort 5.

The OSDE seeks this Tydings Waiver to allow the SEA to award the excess funds back to the sites in Oklahoma's Cohort 4. The funds would be given to Cohort 4 in federal fiscal year 2014 as part of their second year SIG funds, acknowledging these funds would need to be encumbered by September 30, 2015.

Prior to submitting this Tydings Waiver request, Oklahoma will provide the public and all LEAs in the State with notice and a reasonable opportunity to comment on this request. Methods of notification will include, but may not be limited to, posting on the Oklahoma State Department of Education Web site and an electronic message to the Oklahoma Title I Directors Listserv and District Superintendents. Copies of all comments the OSDE received in response to this notice are attached hereto.

Oklahoma hereby assures that, if it is granted the requested Tydings Waiver, it will establish an internal policy requesting LEAs to submit monthly expenditure reports to ensure funds are spent in a timely manner.

Respectfully,

Beth Steele, Director  
School Improvement Grants