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Nkemjika Ofodile, MSA, Ed.D.
Education Program Specialist
Office of State Support
United States Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW 3W112
Washington, DC 20202

Dear Education Program Specialist,

The Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) is requesting a Tydings Waiver for excess funds for the federal fiscal year 2012 School Improvement Grant Award Notification (GAN) S377A100037 in the amount of \$563,007.64, and excess funds for the federal fiscal year 2013 School Improvement Grant Award Notification (GAN) S377A110037 in the amount of \$22,087.30 be carried forward to federal fiscal year 2015 and re-awarded to Cohort 4 and 5 sites. These are excess funds not claimed by Cohort 2 and 3.

- Oklahoma received GAN S377A100037 in the spring of 2012.
- Oklahoma fully awarded all approved Cohort 2 sites in the spring of 2012.
- Oklahoma allocated funds available July 1, 2012.
- USDE requested OSDE submit a Tydings Waiver to reallocate funds for Centennial MS and Centennial HS for a fourth year of SIG.
- Oklahoma received GAN S377A110037 in the spring of 2013.
- Oklahoma fully awarded all approved Cohort 3 sites in the spring of 2013.
- Oklahoma allocated funds available July 1, 2013.
- USDE requested OSDE submit a Tydings Waiver to reallocate funds from Cohort 2 and 3 and award them to Cohort 4 and 5.

The OSDE seeks this Tydings Waiver to allow the SEA to award the excess funds to sites in Oklahoma's Cohort 4 and 5. The funds would be given to Cohort 4 in federal fiscal year 2015 as part of their third year SIG funds, and Cohort 5 in federal fiscal year



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2015 as part of their second year SIG funds, acknowledging these funds would need to be encumbered by September 30, 2016.

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 1 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