UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

Honorable D. Kent King
Commissioner of Education
Missouri Department of Elementary
and Secondary Education
P.O. Box 480
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480

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Dear Commissioner King:

Thank you for the timely submission of Missouri's FFY 2006 Annual Performance Report (APR) and revised State Performance Plan (SPP) under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), as amended in 2004. We also acknowledge the revisions to Missouri's APR received on April 14, 2008. We appreciate the State's efforts in preparing these documents.

The Department has determined that, under IDEA sections 616(d) and 642, Missouri meets the requirements of Part C of the IDEA. The Department's determination is based on the totality of the State's data and information including the State's FFY 2006 APR and revised SPP, other State-reported data, and other publicly available information. See the enclosure entitled "How the Department Made Determinations under Sections 616(d) and 642 of the IDEA in 2008" for further details.

Specific factors affecting OSEP's determination that Missouri met requirements under IDEA sections 616(d) and 642 include: (1) Missouri provided valid and reliable FFY 2006 data reflecting the measurement for each indicator; and (2) Missouri reported correction or high levels of compliance for Indicators 1, 7, 8A, 8B, 8C, 9, and 10. We commend Missouri for its performance.

The enclosed table provides OSEP's analysis of the State's FFY 2006 APR and revised SPP and identifies, by indicator, OSEP's review of any revisions made by the State to its targets, improvement activities (timelines and resources) and baseline data in the State's SPP. It also identifies, by indicator, the State's status in meeting its targets, whether the State's data reflect progress or slippage, and whether the State corrected noncompliance and provided valid and reliable data.

As you know, your State must report annually to the public on the performance of each early intervention service (EIS) program located in the State on the targets in the SPP under IDEA sections 616(b)(2)(C)(ii)(l) and 642. In addition, your State must review EIS program performance against targets in the State's SPP, determine if each EIS program meets the requirements of the IDEA and inform each EIS program of its determination. For further information regarding these requirements, see the SPP/APR Calendar at http://spp-apr-calendar.rrfcnetwork.org/. Finally, if you included revisions to baseline, targets or improvement activities in your APR submission, and OSEP accepted those revisions, please ensure that you update your SPP accordingly and that the updated SPP is made available to the public.

OSEP is committed to supporting Missouri's efforts to improve results for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families and looks forward to working with your State over the next year. If you have any questions, would like to discuss this further, or want to request technical assistance, please do not hesitate to call Dawn Ellis, your OSEP State Contact, at 202-245-6417.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

cc: Part C Coordinator