October 30, 2007

Katherine Miller
Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration
Bataan Memorial Building, Suite 180
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

Re: STARS Project Certification

Dear Secretary Miller:

Pursuant to Paragraph 12, Subsection C, Section 6, Chapter 290, Laws 2007, the Department of Information Technology Secretary certifies the release of $1,000,000 for the Public Education Department Student, Teachers Accountability Reporting System (STARS) project as follows:

$100,000  Laws 2007, Chapter 28, Section 7, Subsection (32) Public Education Department, Page 258, Line 1 for an Independent Verification and Validation Contract that includes the following deliverables to be provided to the DoIT within 30 days of contract execution:

1. An impact assessment of legislative contingencies and an impact assessment of STARS on the State and District Networks.
2. Validation of the status of the STARS Project.
3. Validation of collaboration between the Public Education Department and the Higher Education Department to address the Legislative requirements as set forth in Senate Bill 211.

$900,000  Laws 2007, Chapter 28, Section 7, Subsection (32) Public Education Department, Page 258, Line 1 for licensing and hosting fees during the implementation phase of STARS.

This project is consistent with PED’s information technology plan, the state’s architectural standards, and the state’s information technology strategic plan.

Sincerely,

Roy Soto
State Secretary

cc: Veronica Garcia, PED Cabinet Secretary
David Abbey, Director LFC
Dannette Burch, DFA Deputy Secretary
Conny Maki and Elisa Storie, DoIT Project Certification Committee Co-Chairs