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Veronica Toomey, Director of Finance  
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Re: Indirect Cost Rate Certificate

Veronica Toomey:

With this letter, the Interior Business Center (IBC), on behalf of the Economic Development Administration (EDA), a component of the Department of Commerce and your cognizant agency, acknowledges receipt of your Certificate of Indirect Costs for FY 2022 dated January 25, 2022. As a unit of state or local government that receives less than \$35 million in annual cumulative direct Federal funding, you are not required to submit an indirect cost rate proposal to EDA and, consequently, EDA will not review your submission at this time. For more information on this requirement, see 2 C.F.R. part 200, App. VII § D.1.b.

Your organization is required to develop an indirect cost rate proposal or cost allocation plan in accordance with 2 C.F.R. part 200 and retain it with related supporting documentation for audit. For more information on this requirement, see 2 C.F.R. part 200, App. VII § D.1.b. and 2 C.F.R. § 200.333. EDA reserves the right to review this or future indirect cost rate proposals at a later time to ensure conformity with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. part 200. Typically, EDA will exercise this right if there is a relevant audit finding, a concern is raised by another government agency concerning a particular indirect cost rate, and/or if EDA finds an anomaly in an indirect cost rate proposal. In such circumstances EDA may review such an indirect cost rate proposal itself or through another Federal agency.

IBC is a shared service provider operating under the Department of the Interior. EDA has entered into an agreement with IBC to review and process Certificates of Indirect Costs on their behalf. EDA remains your cognizant agency and this letter, although issued from IBC, is EDA's acknowledgement of receipt.

Please contact IBC if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Indirect Cost Services Division Chief

Enclosure: Certificate of Indirect Costs

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CERTIFICATE OF INDIRECT COSTS

This is to certify that I have reviewed the indirect cost rate proposal prepared and maintained herewith and to the best of my knowledge and belief:

(1) All costs included in this proposal dated 01/25/2022 [identify date indirect cost rate proposal was finalized] to establish indirect costs rate(s) for 01/01/2022 thru 12/31/2022 [identify start/end dates for the fiscal year covered by the indirect cost rate] are allowable in accordance with the requirements of the Federal award(s) to which they apply and OMB Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (codified at 2 C.F.R. Part 200) Unallowable costs have been adjusted for in allocating costs as indicated in the cost allocation plan.

(2) All costs included in this proposal are properly allocable to Federal awards on the basis of a beneficial or causal relationship between the expenses incurred and the agreements to which they are allocated in accordance with applicable requirements. Further, the same costs that have been treated as indirect costs have not been claimed as direct costs. Similar types of costs have been accounted for consistently and the Federal Government will be notified of any accounting changes that would affect the predetermined rate.

(3) The indirect cost rate calculated within the proposal is 25.57% [identify rate(s)], which was calculated using a direct cost base type of Salary & Fringe [identify type of direct cost base – Salary & Fringe, MTDC, etc.]. The calculations were based on actual costs from fiscal year 2021 to obtain a federal indirect cost billing rate for fiscal year 2022.

(4) All documentation supporting the indirect cost rate identified above must be retained by the Recipient. This rate should be reviewed and validated as part of the Recipient's annual financial audit.

Subject to the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, (31 USC 3801 et seq.), the False Claims Act (18 USC 287 and 31 USC 3729); and the False Statement Act (18 USC 1001), I declare to the best of my knowledge that the foregoing is true and correct.

Organization Name: Coastal Bend Council of Governments

Signature: Veronica Toomey

Name of Authorized Official: Veronica Toomey

Title: Director of Finance

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Date of Execution: January 25, 2022