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Ms. Yuki Miyamoto
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Dear Ms. Miyamoto:

The purpose of this letter is to respectfully request a waiver from the FFY 2013 SLIGP award's Match Proportionality requirement. We are requesting that the waiver cover the entire Award Period. As required, this waiver request is being submitted along with supporting documentation. Georgia expects to make every effort to meeting the total required match over the life of the grant project period, but meeting the proportionality requirement may prove to be burdensome.

The enclosed NTIA-approved Baseline Expenditure Plan (BEP) fully describes the amount of budgeted matching funds and the planned rate of expenditures. The BEP shows that we were expecting to begin outreach sessions in Quarter 3, but our schedule has slipped to late Q4. Due to this, we expect costs charged to the grant will exceed the 80% federal share as our match is based mainly on salary of meeting attendees. The BEP still shows Georgia's commitment to attempt to meet the required match in full over the life of the award.

Georgia also plans to use state employee salary costs as a portion of these matching funds. Although we have done our best to anticipate how much time each person will spend performing SLIGP related activities on a quarterly basis, it may not always equate to exactly meeting the match proportionally each quarter. Rather than risk non-compliance, we would much prefer to only be held to the requirement of meeting the full match by the end of the Award Period and not on a quarterly basis.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Any questions or need for follow-up information may be addressed to Joe McKinney, Chief of Special Projects for Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security (GEMA), at 404-635-7514 or joe.mckinney@gema.ga.gov.

Sincerely,

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