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Dr. R. Barbara Gitenstein
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Dear doctor Gitenstein:

We are very pleased to receive your acceptance to the submitted supplemental information report, and acknowledge the request for a monitoring report on April 1, 2014, documenting evidence of an independent audit for FY 2013.

In compliance with your request of keeping the MSCHE informed of any and all significant developments related to the investigation of the National Science Foundation (NSF), we advise that NSF has lifted its suspension of UPR's Central Administration and Mayaguez campuses that was imposed on April 23, 2012. The letter sent by Jamie French, NSF Director of Operations for Grants and Agreements, informing the above is included for easy reference.

Please be sure of our Institution's commitment with excellence. We appreciate your support in achieving such high goal.

Cordially,


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Dear Dr. Freytes:

Thank you for your response to the National Science Foundation's follow-up site visit letter dated September 30, 2013. NSF believes that the University of Puerto Rico has made significant progress in resolving the issues identified in the February 3, 2011 Corrective Action Plan (CAP). We have reviewed your submission of October 24, 2013 and found it sufficient in responding to issues identified during our site visit. Therefore, NSF is lifting its suspension of UPR's Central Administration and Mayaguez campuses that was imposed on April 23, 2012.

UPR noted in the submission that all remaining CAP items comprised in the February 3, 2011 document have been successfully addressed and completed. Within 30 days from the date of this letter, please provide us with an updated CAP that documents the completion dates of those items, as well as the target dates for completion of any additional planned activities associated with the February 3, 2011 CAP and your response to our latest site visit report form the visit on July 7-11, 2013. We will request periodic updates on UPR CAP implementation status with timeframes determined once we have reviewed the revised CAP. NSF anticipates conducting a future site visit to UPR to ascertain university system-wide implementation of the CAP. This visit may be conducted at another campus location. If the results are not satisfactory, additional steps may be taken to secure NSF funds UPR system-wide, not by campus.

NSF will continue to work with UPR to resolve all payment issues related to costs incurred prior to the April 23, 2012 suspension. Until then, NSF will monitor awards that existed during the suspension and continue after this letter of reinstatement to the Central Administration and Mayaguez campuses through the special payment process. Any costs incurred during the suspension are unallowable.

The response to this letter can be delivered by mail or e-mailed to:

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