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GOVERNOR

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PLANNING

STEPHEN B. SIMPSON
COMMISSIONER

May 8, 2009

Cillie Litchfield, CPM
Deputy Executive Director
Department of Finance and Administration
501 North West Street
Suite 1201A
Jackson, MS 39201

Dear Ms. Litchfield:

Enclosed are the Division of Public Safety Planning (DPSP) Agency Certifications under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for the following programs:

1. Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)
2. Stop Violence Against Women Act Program (VAWA)
3. Victims of Crime Act Program (VOCA)

If additional information is required, please feel free to contact Dr. Billy White, executive director, DPSP, at 601-987-4990 or e-mail: bwhite@mdps.state.ms.us.

Sincerely,

Stephen B. Simpson
Commissioner

cc: Dr. Billy White

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MISSISSIPPI AGENCY CERTIFICATION UNDER THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT

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In addition, I certify compliance with the following:

1) pursuant to Title II, Subtitle A, Section(s) H.R. 1-16 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Public Law 111-5 (February 17, 2009)) ("ARRA"), Criminal Justice System *(type of)* investments funded with amounts appropriated by ARRA under the heading: Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant *(Program Name)* to the Office of Justice Programs *(Federal Agency)* will receive the full review and vetting required by law and that I accept responsibility that such investments of ARRA funds will be appropriate uses of taxpayer dollars;
2) the specific information required by Section(s) 1511,1604,1605,1606,1607,1609 and Section 1512 concerning each such investment is in strict accordance with federal ARRA requirements and in accordance with the guidelines issued by DFA to meet reporting requirements;
3) accept responsibility for communicating with respective federal agency(ies) to ensure we remain in compliance with all requirements of ARRA and will communicate those requirements to DFA in a timely manner;
4) risks are or will be identified and internal controls which are sufficient to mitigate the risk of waste, fraud, and abuse are or will be implemented;
5) prior audit findings, if applicable, have been addressed and corrective action plans implemented;
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    a. the claims are just, due, correct and unpaid;
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