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Dr. Celeste Freytes
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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 from 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:

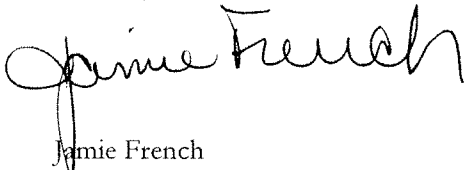
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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns: Jamie French at 703 292-8644 or jhfrench@nsf.gov.

For specific questions regarding the recommendations, please contact Tamara Bowman at 703-292-4846. All other questions or award-related administrative concerns should be directed to Jason Madigan at 703-292-4333.

Sincerely,



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