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June 12, 2014

Arturo Mendez
Texas Homeland Security State Administrative Agency
PO Box 4087
Austin, TX 78773

RE: FY 2011, OPS Order # 14-MCAMCA-06-001 V0

Dear Mr. Mendez:

The Grant Programs Directorate has reviewed the request submitted by Hidalgo, Texas to waive the 50% personnel cap imposed by Section 2008 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, Public Law 107-296, as amended (6 U.S.C. § 609).

Hidalgo County has requested to expend \$2,019,163.77 or 65 percent of its total FY 2012 Operation Stonegarden Grant Program allocation of \$3,115,631.78 on operational overtime and related personnel costs.

This request has been determined to be consistent with the goals and objectives of the overall State Homeland Security Strategy and necessary for the continued success of border security operations. This request is hereby approved pursuant to the waiver authority provided by 6 U.S.C § 609 (b)(2)(B).

As a reminder, future personnel waiver requests must also be submitted to the Grant Programs Directorate for prior approval. Please contact your Program Analyst, Corey Walz, at 202-786-9668 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. E. Kamoie".

Brian E. Kamoie
Assistant Administrator for Grant Programs

CC: C. Gary Rogers, Acting Director, Preparedness Grants Division
Corey Walz, Program Analyst
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