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Ms. Margaret Harvey
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Dear Ms. Harvey:

We are pleased to inform you that the Division of Academic and Technical Education (DATE) has reviewed and approved your State's December 31, 2015, Consolidated Annual Report (CAR) submission pursuant to the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Perkins IV) (OMB Control Number 1830-0569). The report includes your narrative summary, fiscal status report and accountability data for Program Year (PY) 2014-15—the eighth program year under the Perkins IV legislation.

DATE staff reviewed State's CAR submissions from January 4 – March 11, 2016. The review team for your State's submission included your Program Administration Liaison (PAL), Regional Accountability Specialist (RAS), and College and Career Transitions Branch (CCTB) liaison. The review criteria were:

- Completeness of the report (i.e., whether you addressed all the required report elements).
- Compliance with the Perkins IV legislation (i.e., whether you undertook activities that were consistent with the intent and provisions of Perkins IV).
- Accuracy and completeness of accountability data (i.e., whether you met all requirements for annual performance reporting under Perkins IV).

The review team noted that your State failed to meet, for three or more consecutive years, its performance levels for one or more of the section 113(b) core indicators of performance by the 90 percent threshold allowable under section 123(a)(1) of Perkins IV. Your July 1, 2016, Perkins grant award will describe our office's plans to be of greater assistance to you in making substantial progress on your core indicators in the future.

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On behalf of the entire Division, thank you for taking the time and effort to develop and submit your CAR report. The information you provided will be invaluable to us as we review your State plan revisions, budgets, and performance levels for your Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Perkins IV grant award, the first installment for which will be issued on July 1, 2016.

If you have questions about the outcome of your State's CAR review, please feel free to contact your Perkins PAL or RAS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sharon Lee Miller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Sharon Lee Miller, Director
Division of Academic and Technical Education