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August 9, 2012

To: Lonnie R. Robbins
Chief Administrative Officer

From: Stanley J. Milesky
Director of Finance

Re: **SAO No. 2 Certification**

I hereby certify that funds are unencumbered and available for transfer as follows:

FROM:

2600099999-8888-8888000000-9999999999999999999999

Grants Fund, Contingency Reserve

\$307,980

TO:

2600000000-2000-2000000000-999999999910000000022000

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants Program

\$307,980



Internal Memorandum

Subject: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants Program

Date: August 2, 2012

To: Lonnie Robbins
Chief Administrative Officer

From: Ira Levy, Chief Information Officer
Department of Technology & Communication Services

Howard County has received more than \$2.6 million in stimulus grant funds as part of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants Program (EECBG). Funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the EECBG program is designed to help local jurisdictions develop, promote, implement and manage energy efficiency and conservation projects.

Per the terms of the grant application and award, Howard County has implemented a variety of initiatives to promote energy efficiency and conservation. These include the purchase of high-efficiency lighting for ball fields and indoor recreation facilities, electrical sub-meters to monitor energy consumption at county-owned facilities, electric and hybrid vehicles, and a forced draft heater for the landfill. Moreover, Howard County has hired an energy management consultant, and established a home energy audit program that offers free comprehensive home energy audits for residents.

As the EECBG closing-date of November 18, 2012 approaches, it has been discovered that funds were insufficiently appropriated for fiscal year 2013. Please note that this does not reflect a funding shortage. For this reason, the Department of Technology & Communication Services seeks to appropriate \$307,980 from the Grants Fund, Contingency Reserve to the EECBG program, increasing the funds available in fiscal year 2013 to \$357,980.

Please contact me with any questions regarding the EECBG and the information provided. Thank you.