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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to express my appreciation and gratitude to Ms. Linda V. Alaniz and her staff at Educational Research Institute (ERI) for their work in assisting the University of Texas–Pan American (UTPA) in successfully securing the federally funded College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) and the High School Equivalency Program (HEP).

The Office of Student Support Services at UTPA was recently notified by the U.S. Department of Education that both CAMP and HEP were funded and will receive a combined total of \$4,500,000 over the course of the next 5 years. Both programs are designed to assist migrant and seasonal farmworkers, along with their families, gain employment and/or enroll in college.

Because of the competitive nature of these grants and the time ERI staff dedicated to complete these proposals, I would highly recommend their services for future projects. The staff was extremely knowledgeable about the grant writing process and worked closely with our staff to continuously refine the grant proposals to compete at the national level.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at (956) 665-2592.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cynthia Valdez".

Cynthia Valdez
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