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Chairman Lynn and Members of the Board
First Things First
4000 North Central Avenue, Suite 800
Phoenix, Arizona 85012

Dear Chairman Lynn and Members of the First Things First Board:

The San Carlos Apache Regional Partnership Council is presenting two grant agreements with the San Carlos Apache Tribe for consideration of approval for SFY 2012.

The Regional Partnership Council first presented the Developmental Screening and the Native Language Enrichment strategies as part of the FY2010 funding plan. Since then, the Regional Council has been working with the San Carlos Apache Tribe Education Committee in the identification of tribal entities that would be able to implement the two strategies in the San Carlos region. The San Carlos Apache Head Start and the Language Preservation Department were designated as the two tribal entities to implement each of these strategies. The Regional Partnership Council has had ongoing discussions with the San Carlos Apache Tribe's Education Committee and the identified tribal entities to determine the best plan of action in implementing these strategies in a way that would best meet the needs of the children and families in the San Carlos Apache region.

The San Carlos Apache Regional Partnership Council recommends the awarding of the following Grant Agreements to the San Carlos Apache Tribe:

- 1.) Developmental Screenings for the full amount of \$153,000 to be implemented by the San Carlos Head Start program in SFY 2012. Target Service Units: 60 children.
- 2.) Native Language Enrichment for the full amount of \$62,539 to be implemented by the San Carlos Language Preservation Department in SFY 2012. Target Service Units: 30 Early Care and Education Providers.

The San Carlos Regional Partnership Council is respectfully requesting the Board to approve these Grant Agreements.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Catherine Steele, Chair
San Carlos Apache Regional Partnership Council