October 26, 2011

The Honorable Veronica Escobar  
Judge, El Paso County  
500 East San Antonio Street, #301  
El Paso, TX 79901

Dear Judge Escobar:

I am pleased to inform you that El Paso County has been allocated a FY 2011 Operation Stonegarden Grant (OSGP) from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in the amount of $2,653,088.00. The letter is being sent to you as the grant point of contact for El Paso County.

The FY 2011 OSGP provides a framework of funding to support homeland security efforts along our nation's land borders. This grant funding is provided to selected jurisdictions along international borders to assist those jurisdictions in enhancing their capabilities to deter, prevent, protect against, and respond to border security threats and to encourage implementation of local operational objectives and capabilities to support federal and state homeland security operational strategies, programs, and projects.

This letter should be considered notice of our intent to award your jurisdiction a FY 2011 Operation Stonegarden Grant. This award is conditioned on approval of your Operations Order and proposed grant budget by the appropriate Border Patrol Sector headquarters and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The Texas Homeland Security/State Administrative Agency (THS/SAA) cannot make a grant award until we receive the required approved documents from the Border Patrol and FEMA. We will make a formal grant award as soon as we receive those documents.

If you have any questions regarding the FY 2011 Operation Stonegarden grant program, please refer to the FY 2011 Operation Stonegarden Grant Guidance and Application Kit or contact Arturo O. Mendez at 512-377-0022 (arturo.mendez@dps.texas.gov) or Bill Paynter at 512-377-0014 (bill.paynter@dps.texas.gov).

Sincerely,

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