

October 13, 2017

The Honorable Elaine Chao, Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
Office of the Secretary  
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE  
Washington, D.C., 20590

**REFERENCE: Federal Wage Rate Certification**

Name of Applicant: Forward Mississippi (Lawrence, Marion, Jefferson Davis, and Walthall Counties, MS)

Authorized Representative: Jared F. Evans, Project Coordinator

Dear Secretary Chao:

*Forward Mississippi*, which is a four-county economic development consortium in south central Mississippi, hereby certifies that it will comply with requirements of United States Code Title 40, Chapter 31, subchapter IV (Federal Wage Rate Requirements), as Required by the FY 2017 Appropriations Act.

This certification is made pursuant to TIGER 2017 Discretionary Grant requirements found in the Federal Register Vol. 82, No. 172, Thursday, September 7, 2017, Notices, Section D. VIII. Federal Wage Rate Certification.

Signature:  Date: 10.12.17  
Jared F. Evans, Project Coordinator