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Dr. Richard C. Benson, President The University of Texas at Dallas 800 W. Campbell Road Richardson, TX 75080-3021

Dear Dr. Benson,

I am attaching the final report on *A Compliance Monitoring Desk Review of TEXAS Grant at The University of Texas at Dallas,* Report No. THECB-CM-FA-21-017. There were no findings resulting from this engagement.

The UT Dallas complied with relevant Coordinating Board (THECB) rules and regulations for the Towards EXcellence, Access, and Success (TEXAS) Grant and with Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Title 19, Chapter 22.225-22.239.

## **Summary**

Our desk review included tests of relevant financial data reported and certified by UT Dallas for award year 2019-2020. We believe the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for the findings and recommendations, if any, based on the desk review objectives.

Our work included procedures to verify:

- Students met all eligibility criteria, including SAP requirements;
- Students demonstrated financial need;
- Students fulfilled residency requirements;
- Applicable students registered with the selective service system; and
- Reported award amounts reconciled with UT Dallas' student data system and payment records.

This Compliance Monitoring report will be presented to the THECB Committee on Agency Operations, a standing committee of the THECB Board, in October 2021.

The cooperation of your staff during this review is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or comments on the conduct of this engagement, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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