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To: Keith E. Brown
Director of OSPR, Governors State University

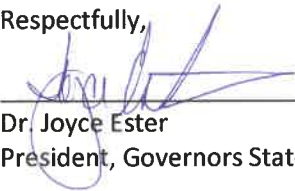
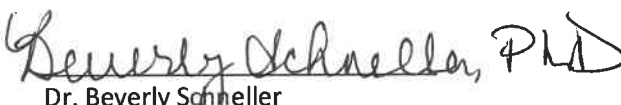
RE: Approval of AOR Designation

This memorandum is to formally approve you, Keith E. Brown, as the Director of the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research (OSPR), to be designated as an Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR) for Governors State University for purposes of submitting proposals and managing institutional registrations on external funding platforms. As part of the Director of OSPR's responsibilities, this AOR designation will enable the Director to:

- Certify and submit proposals on behalf of Governors State University (UEI: RZYSKTHWL384) and the Governors State University (GSU) Foundation (UEI: EF5XQTB3UW97);
- Manage sponsor system registrations (e.g., Grants.gov, Research.gov/NSF, eRA Commons/NIH, SAM.gov, and other sponsor portals);
- Serve as an official point of contact for compliance-related sponsor communications;
- Ensure timely submission and oversight of federally and privately sponsored proposals requiring AOR authorization.
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The AOR designation aligns with the operational needs of OSPR and supports efficient and compliant administration of sponsored programs at GovState University. We endorse that this memo serves as the formal institutional authorization for Keith E. Brown, Director of OSPR, to be an AOR across relevant sponsor platforms and certifications and to act on behalf of the University as a business official with the necessary knowledge of compliance, financial, and legal regulations.

Respectfully,


Dr. Joyce Ester
President, Governors State University
Dr. Beverly Schneller
Provost, Governors State University