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Dear Barbara,

Thank you for your email regarding the SPDG's relationship with Iowa's Parent Training and Information Center (PTI). As you know it's a requirement for Iowa to work with Iowa's PTI or community parent resource center (CPRC). The RFP states: "(c) Contracts and Subgrants—An SEA that receives a grant under this program--(1) Must award contracts or subgrants to LEAs, IHEs, parent training and information centers, or community parent resource centers, as appropriate, to carry out the State Personnel Development Plan." Because ASK Resource is Iowa's only PTI and Iowa doesn't have any other eligible parent partners it would be expected that you would work with them during the life of the grant.

In addition, when you applied for the grant the application stated "Iowa's State Personnel Development Plan is a partnership between the Iowa Department of Education, the Iowa Parent Training and Information Center (ASK Resource Center), the Iowa Area Education Agencies (AEAs) and the University of Northern Iowa." ASK Resource was written into both the grant application and the proposed budget. Unless there is a situation where collaboration is not possible, it would be expected that you continue sub-contracting with the PTI, or you could be at risk of losing your funding.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Thank you,

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