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Mr. Kenneth H. P'Pool Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer Mississippi Department of Archives and History P.O. Box 571 Jackson, Mississippi 39205-0571

Dear Mr. P'Pool:

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your May 6, 2013, letter and to inform you that on June 2, 2013, the Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration announced a new national director for the Office of Job Corps, Ms. Grace Kilbane.

Now with a new national director in place, we intend to re-initiate the discussion of determining an appropriate course of action for the Gulfport Job Corps Center with a community meeting as soon as possible. We will work with you to schedule a mutually convenient date and time within the coming weeks.

Additionally, we are moving forward in commissioning a study of the existing structures and the steps necessary to secure and protect the historic buildings with the support of the City of Gulfport.

Thank you for your continued efforts on this project. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Grace Kilbane, National Director of Job Corps, at (202) 693-3000.

Sincerely,

Gerri Fiala

Acting Assistant Secretary