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Dear Ocheng,

I write to request a Reasonable and Moderate Extension of the IBHE in the temporary extension of the approval for the Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (CSAMES), CIP code 90.0501. The Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (CSAMES) promotes research and scholarship on South Asia and the Middle East. CSAMES was designated a National Resource Center (Title VI) 2006-2010 by the US Department of Education for the study and teaching of the Middle East, enabling the Center to further strengthen its commitment to an academic inquiry into a region that is home to some of the world's oldest religions and civilizations.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has requested a one year extension to allow for a review of the center's activity. They believe the coming year will be very important in clarifying the question of whether permanent center status is appropriate for this unit. The Center is applying for federal funding as a National Resource Center (Title VI) in FY 14 so by the summer of 2014 they will know whether the center has been funded.

Approval expires 12/31/13. This request is to extend the expiration to 12/31/14.

Please let me know if you have questions about this request.

Sincerely,



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