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Dear Recipient,

As you are likely aware, due to the failure of Congress to reach a deal on balanced deficit reduction to avoid sequestration, the President earlier today was required by law to issue a sequestration order canceling approximately \$85 billion in budgetary resources across the Federal government for the remainder of the Federal fiscal year. As partners with the Department of the Interior (DOI), we wanted to provide you with timely and clear information about how these unfortunate budget cuts impact us, and in turn what it means for funds provided to LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.

At this time, DOI is taking every step to mitigate the effects of these cuts, but based on our initial analysis, it is likely that your organization's workforce, revenue, and planning processes may be affected. For example, the Department may decide not to issue you a continuation award (if applicable)—including not awarding incremental funds on multi-year awards—and may require negotiation of a reduction in the scope of your current award. New awards that were anticipated for this fiscal year may be delayed, reduced or cancelled entirely, depending on the specific program reductions. To the extent that your award(s) may be affected due to these budget cuts, you will be contacted by the appropriate Award Official with additional details.

Thank you for your continued partnership with the Department of the Interior, and for your cooperation as we work together to manage these unfortunate circumstances.

Sincerely,

Wallace O. Adcox
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