Mr. Luis Fernando Pereira Stambuk  
Director  
Instituto Nacional de Estadística (INE)  
Calle Carrasco No. 1391  
Miraflores  
La Paz, Bolivia

Dear Mr. Pereira,

Re: Plurinational State of Bolivia: TFSCB Grant for Ensuring Quality in the National Statistical System of Bolivia  
Grant No. TF013620

In response to the request for financial assistance made on behalf of the Instituto Nacional de Estadística (INE) ("Recipient"), I am pleased to inform you that the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and International Development Association (collectively, "World Bank"), acting as administrator of grant funds provided by the Multi Donor Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity Building III, proposes to extend to the Recipient for the benefit of the Plurinational State of Bolivia ("Member Country"), a grant in an amount not to exceed two hundred forty four thousand United States Dollars ($244,000.00) ("Grant") on the terms and conditions set forth in this letter agreement ("Agreement"), which includes the attached Annex, to assist in the financing of the project described in the Annex ("Project").

This Grant is funded out of the abovementioned trust fund for which the World Bank receives periodic contributions from the Donors. In accordance with Section 3.02 of the Standard Conditions (as defined in the Annex to this Agreement), the World Bank’s payment obligations in connection with this Agreement are limited to the amount of funds made available to it by the Donors under the abovementioned trust fund, and the Recipient’s right to withdraw the Grant proceeds is subject to the availability of such funds.
Please confirm the Recipient's agreement to the foregoing by having an authorized official of the Recipient sign and date the enclosed copy of this Agreement, and returning it to the World Bank. Upon receipt by the World Bank of this countersigned copy, this Agreement shall become effective as of the date of the countersignature.

Very truly yours,

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT/INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By
Susan G. Goldmark
Director
Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela
Latin America and the Caribbean Region

AGREED:

INSTITUTO NACIONAL DE ESTADISTICA (INE)

By: [Signature]
Authorized Representative
Name: [Name]
Title: [Title] DIRECTOR GENERAL EJECUTIVO INE
Date: [Date]

Enclosures:

(2) Disbursement Letter of the same date as this Agreement, together with World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Projects, dated May 1, 2006
(3) “Guidelines on Preventing and Combating Fraud and Corruption in Projects Financed by IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants”, dated October 15, 2006 and revised January 2011

(5) "Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers", dated January 2011
Article I
Standard Conditions; Definitions

1.01. **Standard Conditions.** The Standard Conditions for Grants Made by the World Bank out of Various Funds dated February 15, 2012 ("Standard Conditions") constitute an integral part of this Agreement.

1.02. **Definitions.** Unless the context requires otherwise, the capitalized terms used in this Agreement have the meanings ascribed to them in the Standard Conditions or in this Agreement.

1. "INE" means "Instituto Nacional de Estadística" the Member Country's National Statistics Institute, established and operating pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 14/100 of November 5, 1976 ("Ley del Sistema Nacional de Información Estadística") or any successor thereto acceptable to the World Bank.

2. "NAC" means the National Agricultural Census under the STATCAP, established pursuant to decree DS 29650, dated May 14, 2008.

3. "Operational Manual" means the manual referred to in section 2.03 to this Agreement as the same may be amended from time to time with the prior written approval of the World Bank.


5. "SNIE" means "Sistema Nacional de Información Estadística", the Member Country's National Statistical Information System established and operating pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 14/100 dated November 5, 1976 ("Ley del Sistema Nacional de Información Estadística").


Article II
Project Execution

2.01. **Project Objectives and Description.** The objective of the Project is to strengthen the Recipient's statistical capacity and other members of the National Statistical Information System by improving the Recipient's quality of Statistical operations. The Project consists of the following parts:
Part 1. Documentation and Access to Information

(a) Provision of support to INE staff for the management of data, to ensure adequate documentation of the planned statistical operations, including those under the STATCAP.

(b) Provision of support to facilitate dissemination of statistical information relating to the operations carried out by INE.

(c) Provision of technical assistance and training to INE staff on data management tools such, to promote greater public access to statistical information while ensuring full confidentiality of the data.

Part 2. Technical Assistance for Census Operations

Provision of support to strengthen INE’s institutional capacity in the preparation and implementation of the NAC.

Part 3. Comparability and Consistency of the Household Surveys

Provision of support to: (a) identify the most appropriate strategies to ensure the technical quality and comparability of household surveys; and (b) provide on-going guidance to INE staff to ensure adequate quality standards in the implementation of said surveys.

Part 4. Quality in Administrative Records

(a) Provision of support to review key administrative records to: (i) identify and avoid duplication in the collection of information; (ii) optimize collection instruments and tools to increase efficiencies and; (iii) promote the integration and dissemination of data to increase broader use among public agencies.

(b) Provision of support to instruct local statisticians as to the methodologies to conduct technical assistance, propose suitable strategies, and facilitate their implementation.

(d) Carry out workshops and/or surveys with key actors in SNIE to: (i) study the supply and demand of statistical data of the institutions member of the SNIE; (ii) develop a sustainability strategy of interaction in SNIE to update the demand and supply of statistical information and; (iii) develop a strategy to standardize the statistical processes in the SNIE.

(e) Carry out the Project’s audits.

2.02. Project Execution Generally. The Recipient declares its commitment to the objectives of the Project. To this end, the Recipient shall carry out the Project through INE in accordance with the provisions of: (a) Article II of the Standard Conditions; (b) the “Guidelines on Preventing and Combating Fraud and Corruption in Projects Financed by IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants”, dated October 15, 2006 and revised in
January 2011 ("Anti-Corruption Guidelines"); (c) the Operational Manual and (d) this Article II.

2.03. **Institutional and Other Arrangements**

The Recipient shall carry out the Project, in accordance with the provisions of a manual satisfactory to the World Bank (the "Operational Manual") setting forth the guidelines and procedures for the carrying out of the Project, including the Project Performance Indicators, the procedures for the monitoring and evaluation of the Project (including the administrative, financial, accounting, auditing, procurement, and disbursement.). In the case of any conflict between the terms of the Operational Manual and those of this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall prevail.

2.04. **Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation.** (a) The Recipient shall monitor and evaluate the progress of the Project and prepare Project Reports in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.06 of the Standard Conditions and on the basis of indicators acceptable to the World Bank. Each Project Report shall cover the period of one calendar semester, and shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than one month after the end of the period covered by such report.

(b) The Recipient shall prepare the Completion Report in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.06 of the Standard Conditions. The Completion Report shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than six months after the Closing Date in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.06 of this Agreement.

2.05. **Financial Management.** (a) The Recipient shall ensure that a financial management system is maintained in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.07 of the Standard Conditions.

(b) The Recipient shall ensure that interim unaudited financial reports for the Project are prepared and furnished to the World Bank not later than one month after the end of each calendar semester, covering the semester, in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank.

(c) The Recipient shall have its Financial Statements audited in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.07 (b) of the Standard Conditions. A single audit report for the life of the project will be required. The audited Financial Statements for such a period shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than six months after the end of such period.

2.06. **Procurement.** All goods, works, non-consulting services, and/or consulting services required for the Project and to be financed, fully or partially, out of the proceeds of the Grant shall be procured in accordance with the requirements set forth or referred to in the "Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works, and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers", dated January 2011 ("Procurement Guidelines"), and the "Guidelines: Selection and Employment of

2.07. Any contract for Eligible Expenditures to be financed in full or in part out of the proceeds of the Grant shall be included in the procurement plan prepared by the Recipient and approved by the Bank in accordance with the Procurement Guidelines and the Consultant Guidelines, prior to initiating the procurement process for any such contract.

2.08. **Special Provisions.** In addition to, and without limitation on any other provisions set forth in this Section or the Consultant Guidelines, the following rules shall govern all procurement of consultants’ services referred to in this Section:

(i) as a condition for participating in the selection process, foreign consultants shall not be required to enter into a joint venture agreement with local consultants, unless the conditions stated in paragraph 1.12 of the Consultant Guidelines are met;

(ii) as a condition for participating in the selection process, foreign consultants shall not be required to legalize their proposals or any documentation related to such proposals or to perform a contract with Recipient authorities;

(iii) foreign consultants shall not be required to be registered in the Recipient’s National Registry of Consultants *(Registro Nacional de Consultoría)*;

(iv) consultants, either firms or individuals shall not be required to present bid and performance securities as a condition to present proposals and sign an award contract;

(v) no contractor or supplier shall be denied fair and equitable treatment in any resolution of dispute with the Recipient;

(vi) no consultant, individually or as a firm, shall be denied a fair and equitable treatment in its resolution of dispute with the Recipient; and

(vii) documents shall include anti-corruption clauses that shall be substantially identical to those contained in the Anti-Corruption Guidelines.

**Article III**

**Withdrawal of Grant Proceeds**

3.01. **Eligible Expenditures.** (a) The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Grant in accordance with the provisions of: (i) the Standard Conditions; (ii) this Section; and (iii) such additional instructions as the World Bank may specify by notice to the Recipient (including the “World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Projects” dated May 2006, as revised from time to time by the World Bank and as made applicable to this Agreement pursuant to such instructions), to finance Eligible Expenditures as set forth in the following table. The table specifies the categories of Eligible Expenditures that may be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant (“Category”), the allocations of the amounts
of the Grant to each Category, and the percentage of expenditures to be financed for Eligible Expenditures in each Category; provided however that the Category of Goods shall not exceed 20% of the total grant amount.

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Amount of the Grant Allocated (expressed in USD)</th>
<th>Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes)</th>
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<td>(1) Goods, Consultants’ services and Training and Workshops under the Project (including audits)</td>
<td>244,000</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>TOTAL AMOUNT</td>
<td>244,000</td>
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(b) For the purpose of this Section, the term “Training and Workshops” means reasonable costs incurred in connection with the provision of training and workshops conducted under the Project in the Recipient’s territory, including printing, purchase and publication of materials, coffee and lunch services, rental of facilities and audiovisual equipment, and travel and per diem of trainees, but excluding the salaries of the Recipient’s staff.

3.02. **Withdrawal Conditions.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3.01 of this Agreement, no withdrawal shall be made for payments made prior to the date of countersignature of this Agreement by the Recipient.

3.03. **Withdrawal Period.** The Closing Date referred to in Section 3.06 (c) of the Standard Conditions is December 31, 2014.

**Article IV**

**Recipient’s Representative; Addresses**

4.01. **Recipient’s Representative.** The Recipient’s Representative referred to in Section 7.02 of the Standard Conditions is its Director.

4.02. **Recipient’s Address.** The Recipient’s Address referred to in Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions is:

Instituto Nacional de Estadística (INE)  
Calle Carrasco No. 1391  
Miraflores  
La Paz, Bolivia  
Facsimile: (591-2) 2222885
4.03. **World Bank's Address.** The World Bank’s Address referred to in Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions is:

International Bank for Reconstruction and Development/International Development Association
1818 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20433
United States of America

Facsimile: 1-202-477-6391