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Ms. Horton,

The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) has reviewed the supporting documentation from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) consisting of the Massachusetts State Law and the MIT Charter in regards to MIT's status as an 1862 Land-grant Institution. Additionally, NIFA has reviewed our records as well as the applicable statutes and regulations.

NIFA has concluded that MIT was designated as a land-grant institution by the legislature of the State of Massachusetts pursuant to the First Morrill Act in 1863, barring any unknown circumstances that would prevent recognition. As a recognized land-grant institution, MIT is able to apply for grants under Requests for Applications (RFAs) where eligibility is restricted to land-grant institutions.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Cynthia Montgomery in NIFA's Office of Grants and Financial Management at (202) 401-6021 or [cmontgomery@nifa.usda.gov](mailto:cmontgomery@nifa.usda.gov).

Sincerely,

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Director

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