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OK, thanks - I have the Governor's signature - just let me know how you'd like to receive the original. I can leave it with our receptionist for you to pick-up or we can make alternate arrangements - up to you. Thanks.

CLS

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**From:** Arik Bjorn [mailto:abjorn@che.sc.gov]  
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**Subject:** Final Draft Essays for 2012 Innovations in American Government Award Competition

Mr. Soura,

Thank you again for the patience of your Office; we had hoped to deliver this information over the weekend.

Attached are the completed draft essays for the Harvard University Innovations in American Government Award, along with the SmartState Program Organizational Chart, also a requirement of the application. These items constitute the full application draft.

All of these items are required to be submitted to Harvard by midday August 14--which Commission staff will do. The Governor's signature is required to be submitted by September 6.

Also attached is the CEO Signature Page (which requires some additional information by the Governor's Office), as well as the CEO Endorsement Explanation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any requests for information. Also copied on this email are J. Lyles Glenn and Keith Munson, the gubernatorial appointees to the SmartState Review Board, as well as SmartState Review Board Chair Regan Voit and Dr. Mike Raley, the Commission Director of Academic Affairs & Licensing.

Thank you again for the consideration of endorsement of this critical award application,

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Great – thanks again for your help.

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Mr. Soura,

As an update, we have nearly completed our draft application for the Harvard University Innovations in American Government Award. We hope to have a completed draft to you by the weekend. It is currently being reviewed by the SmartState Review Board Chair before being submitted to your office.

Thank you,

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Arik,

I'm taking a look at the IAG award materials (passed along to me by Swati Patel) – specifically, the CEO signature page. Could you let me know how you'd like the top half of that form to be completed? The official "Program Name"...the contact information, etc.? Thanks.

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