June 26, 2007

University of Southern Mississippi
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Dear Taxpayer:

Subject: Sales and Use Tax Exemption Number E-5747

To document that your agency or organization is exempt from North Dakota sales and use tax, the Office of State Tax Commissioner has assigned the enclosed exemption number. A copy of this exemption certificate should be presented to the retailer at the time of each purchase to verify your exempt status. The retailer is required to keep a copy of this certificate on file. The certificate number should be listed on each sales document together with the signature of the person making the purchase.

Please note that purchases made by employees and later reimbursed by your organization are subject to state and local sales taxes. Only purchases paid for by a check or warrant issued directly by your organization qualify for a sales tax exemption. This exemption number is important and every effort should be made to limit knowledge of the number to those individuals authorized to make purchases on behalf of your organization.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Blane D. Braunberger, Supervisor
Sales and Use Tax Compliance Section
Phone: 701-328-3011

Enclosure
State of North Dakota
Certificate of Exempt Status - Exempt Organization

Under the provisions of North Dakota Century Code § 57-39.2-04, the organization whose name appears below is certified to be exempt from sales taxes applicable to purchases, rentals and leases of tangible personal property to be used solely and exclusively in the performance of functions by that organization.

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Certificate Number: E-5747                      Date Issued: 06/26/2007

Cory Fong
Tax Commissioner

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