

# ARRA “Stimulus” Weekly Update, May 29, 2009

## I. Reporting

Weekly Submissions to UNC-GA. Campuses submit information on ARRA-related proposals, preliminary notices of award (i.e. JIT submissions) and actual awards on a weekly basis. The weekly reports are submitted in cumulative form. ***Please note weekly reports starting with the May 21<sup>st</sup> report date should include the federal award number for any actual awards received. Please add an award number column to the right of the CFDA# column to capture this information.*** The reports should be sent to Sarah Smith, with a copy to Courtney Thornton, on a weekly basis by 12:00 p.m. on Thursday. The latest report is located at the following URL: [http://intranet.northcarolina.edu/docs/aa/research/ContractsAndGrants/ARRA\\_5-29-09.pdf](http://intranet.northcarolina.edu/docs/aa/research/ContractsAndGrants/ARRA_5-29-09.pdf)

The UNC-GA implementation date for RAMSeS has been delayed due to the birth of Andy Johns’ second child on Wednesday. Campuses should continue to provide their weekly reports until notified by UNC-GA that its instance of RAMSeS is operational. We apologize for the delay.

The launch date for the redesigned UNC General Administration website has been pushed back to July 1<sup>st</sup>. The Office of Research portion of the site will have a stimulus section and the report referenced above will be posted along with the weekly updates, other pertinent documents and links to related agency sites.

### State Reporting:

#### **N.C. Office of Economic Recovery and Investment**

The weekly activity report referenced above is shared with OERI. Dempsey Benton recently complimented UNC on its efforts to share information with his office and he reported that he pushes the information up-line to the Governor’s office. UNC GA thanks the campuses for their continued support for producing the weekly report.

As a reminder, UNC General Administration has received a waiver from OERI regarding Directives 1, 2 and 3. ***The Directives will apply to any flow through ARRA funding that campuses receive from a state agency or the Governor’s office.*** In order to meet the reporting requirements of the OERI Directives for ARRA flow through funding from state agencies or the Governor’s office, campuses should be able to distinguish those projects funded by state ARRA flow through funds from those funded directly by a federal granting agency. The directives are located at the following URL: <http://www.ncrecovery.gov/RecoveryPlan/NCPlan.aspx>.

## II. Compliance

The Office of Management and Budget has released the A-133 Compliance Supplement in today’s Federal Register. The Supplement will apply to audits of fiscal years beginning after June 30, 2008 and supersedes the 2008 supplement. Public comments on the Supplement will be

received through October 31, 2009. OMB encourages respondents to submit comments electronically to Mr. Gil Tran at [Hai M. Tran@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Hai_M._Tran@omb.eop.gov) and include A-133 compliance Supplement 2009 in the subject line and the comments in the body of the email message and as an attachment. Respondents should also include their full contact information in the body of the email message.

The Federal Register announcement is located at the following URL:

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-12495.pdf>.

The OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement can be found at the following URL:

[http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars\\_a133\\_compliance\\_09toc/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars_a133_compliance_09toc/)

### **III. Agency Activity**

The National Science Foundation's Office of Integrative Activities hosted a web conference on two American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) opportunities earlier today and will replay the webcast for the next three months at <http://www.tvworldwide.com/events/nsf/090528/>. You have to register to view the webcast, which consists of two short presentations summarizing the main aspects of the Academic Research Infrastructure (ARI-R2) & Major Research Instrumentation (MRI-R2) programs, followed by a presentation of answers to broad questions about the programs submitted by email in advance of the web-cast.

The National Science Foundation Policy Office recently published an on-line newsletter including information on its ARRA approach. The newsletter is located at the following URL:

[http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/newsletter/may09/index.html?govDel=USNSF\\_80](http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/newsletter/may09/index.html?govDel=USNSF_80)

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) has announced the availability of approximately \$120 million in competitive grants for the construction of new or expanded scientific research buildings at higher education institutions and nonprofit organizations. Approximately eight to 12 projects will be funded by these grants, which are part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act). Possible projects include laboratories, test facilities, measurement facilities, research computing facilities, and observatories. If campuses have specific questions, they should contact Miles Lackey (UNC-GA Federal Relations) at [mlackey@northcarolina.edu](mailto:mlackey@northcarolina.edu) if they have any questions.

Following is the URL for the full announcement:

[http://www.nist.gov/public\\_affairs/releases/research\\_con\\_grants\\_052609.html](http://www.nist.gov/public_affairs/releases/research_con_grants_052609.html)