

ARRA “Stimulus” Weekly Update, June 19, 2009

I. Reporting

Weekly Submissions to UNC-GA

This week’s report is located under the Reporting/UNC ARRA Report tabs on the UNC-GA Recovery site: <http://www.northcarolina.edu/recovery/index.php> - click on the PDF symbol. Please note the cumulative weekly reports should include ***the federal award number*** for any actual awards received. Please add an award number column to the right of the CFDA# column of the reporting template to capture this information.

State/Federal Reporting:

The SPARC Post-Award Workgroup will have a televideo conference July 13th from 9:00-12:00. The “test run” of ARRA reporting proposed by OMB will be discussed. Confirm the location of the televideo conference on your campus with the points of contact listed at the following URL: http://www.mcnc.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=page&filename=NCREN_Interactive_Video_University_Contacts.html

N.C. Office of Economic Recovery and Investment

OERI has issued Management Directive #5, Reporting Allegations of Fraud, Waste and Abuse of ARRA funds (<http://www.ncrecovery.gov/reportFraud/default.aspx>). Under this directive, OERI has established an in-take process for reporting fraud, waste and abuse and provides further guidance on which employees are protected by the whistleblower provisions of ARRA. Recipients of ARRA funds are required to post notice of the rights and remedies provided under Section 1553 of the ARRA. UNC-GA has posted Management Directive #5 to its recovery webpage. Campuses should take steps to post the notice of rights and remedies (Directive #5) to their own websites and to otherwise notify personnel associated with ARRA funded projects of these rights and remedies. Click on the following URL and search for 1553 for the full citation: http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=111_cong_bills&docid=f:h1enr.txt.pdf

UNC General Administration has received a waiver from OERI for Management Directives 1, 2 and 3 in regard to ARRA student financial aid and ARRA awards received directly from federal agencies (contracts and grants). The same waiver applies to other memos issued from OSBM and OERI. However, to facilitate other reporting requirements, campuses have been instructed by UNC-GA to establish “flags” or “fields” in their accounting systems to allow for the identification of all ARRA funded awards. In other words, there should be a mechanism in place to designate ARRA contracts and grants as ARRA funds in financial systems, in order to meet future reporting requirements.

(NOTE: separate instructions will be communicated to campus CFOs regarding ARRA State Fiscal Stabilization Funds.)

Please contact Ginger Burks (ginger@northcarolina.edu <<mailto:ginger@northcarolina.edu>>) if you have any questions about budgeting ARRA funds.