

ARRA “Stimulus” Weekly Update, July 10, 2009

I. Federal and State Reporting

The SPARC Post-Award Workgroup will have a televideo conference July 13th from 9:00-12:00. The ARRA reporting 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

UNC GA Reporting:

UNC-GA has been providing a consolidated report of ARRA proposals and awards to the N.C. Office of Economic Recovery and Investment since mid-spring. The report is aimed at leadership in OERI and the Governor’s office for information purposes only. To accommodate the continued flow of information to interested parties at the state level, UNC-GA is recommending campuses utilize the down loadable spreadsheet option for reporting ARRA activity to the www.federalreporting.gov site (see entry below on OMB memo (M-09-21). Once the federal portal goes live – campuses should submit their quarterly reports as instructed and provide a copy of the final corrected version to UNC GA. Campus reports will be compiled and submitted to OERI and to the N.C. OpenBook technical team. In the meantime, campuses should continue to send their weekly reports to Sarah Smith (smsmith@northcarolina.edu) with a copy to Courtney Thornton (cThornton@northcarolina.edu). Provide the CFDA # for all proposals and awards and the federal award ID for awards. Data is reported cumulative for all ARRA proposals and awards since the passage of the Act.

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.

Federal Reporting:

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the Recovery, Accountability and Transparency Board announced that webinars will be held the week of July 20, 2009 to provide information on implementing the guidance set forth in OMB Memorandum M-09-21, Implementing Guidance for the Reports on Use of Funds Pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 that was released on June 22, 2009. Each webinar will focus on a major section of the Guidance as well as on the technology solution. The intended audience for these webinars includes Federal agency personnel, prime recipients and sub-recipients. Go to the following URL to view the schedule and to register: <http://www.recovery.gov/?q=node/658>

OMB issued Implementing Guidance for the Reports on Use of Funds Pursuant to the American Research and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (M-09-21) on June 22nd. Reporting through the www.federalreporting.gov portal will begin with the October 10, 2009 report due date.

Cumulative information will be reported each quarter. A more thorough description of reporting jobs created and retained is at section 5.2 beginning on page 33. Supplement 2 includes is the “Recipient Reporting Data Model.” Following are the URLs for M-09-21:

M-09-21 - http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/assets/memoranda_fy2009/m09-21.pdf
Supplement 1 http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/assets/memoranda_fy2009/m09-21-suppl1.pdf
Supplement 2 http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/assets/memoranda_fy2009/m09-21-suppl2.pdf

II. N.C. Office of Economic Recovery and Investment

OERI recently issued RFP# 20090678, Grant Risk Assessment and Compliance Monitoring. OERI will engage qualified contractors to perform two services: 1) assess the capabilities of subrecipients before (or shortly after) federal grants are awarded and 2) monitor the performance of subrecipients (i.e. agencies awarded grants) during the course of grant projects (i.e. while grant funds are disbursed). The primary focus will be on ARRA funds flowing from state agencies to support:

- The Weatherization Assistance program (DOE \$132M) to improve insulation, sealing and HVAC systems for approximately 25,000 homes
- The Community Service Block Grant program (US DHHS/ACF \$27M) to help localities provide critically-needed housing, employment, food and healthcare assistance to persons reeling most from unemployment, foreclosures and escalating prices

Questions will be posted as an addendum to the RFP in the Interactive Procurement System by July 10th. The initial RFP can be found at the following URL: <https://www.ips.state.nc.us/IPS/AGENCY/PDF/06868800.pdf>. This RFP demonstrates one approach to compliance monitoring of subrecipients.

III. Other Resources

Inspectors General Activity Reports:

In keeping with the Recovery Act's transparency requirements, the Inspectors General (IGs) must report on their oversight costs, major Recovery-related actions to date, and actions planned. The monthly IG Financial and Activity reports can be found at the following URL: <http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/inspector-general-financial-status-reports>

Whistleblower Protections

All ARRA jobsites must post signage of whistleblower protections. Go to the following URL for more information and a PDF version of a poster that can be used: <http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/whistleblower-information>