



ARRA GUIDANCE UPDATE FEBRUARY 2, 2010



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ARRA Section 1512 Continuous Correction Period

Beginning February 2 and continuing through March 15, FederalReporting.gov will be available to recipients and federal agencies to perform Quality Assurance (QA) checks and to correct errors identified during the QA activities.

Here's how the Continuous QA process works:

- On February 2, 2010, all recipient reports submitted in January will be unlocked and available for recipients and federal agencies for QA. Recipients and delegated sub-recipients will also be able to correct their reports.
- Federal agencies can identify errors in recipient reports and add comments addressing those errors.
- FederalReporting.gov will notify the recipient of the federal agency's comments. It is important to note that Federal Agency reviewers may use phone calls and e-mails to the listed state agency contact as a form of error notification. State recipients are encouraged to conduct their own quality assurance checks to identify errors and make corrections.
- Recipients can correct errors using the existing FederalReporting.gov processes. FederalReporting.gov will notify the federal agencies when corrections are made.

The updated data will be posted to Recovery.gov every other Wednesday, beginning February 10, 2010. The data posted to Recovery.gov will be a data set as of 11:59 P.M. E.S.T. on the Monday of the posting week. Federal agencies and the Office of Management and Budget will identify any problems the Tuesday after the data has been posted on Monday. Examples of problems may include extremely large increases in job numbers or inaccurate changes to award amounts. The final data set for this reporting period will be published on Recovery.gov on Wednesday, March 17, 2010.

Consistency Between Monthly Update Forms and Section 1512 Federal Reporting

Due to changes as a result of OMB revisions to Federal Guidance of ARRA funds, the following Monthly Update Form data fields have been amended in an effort to maintain consistency among reports.

- Quarterly Jobs Created/Retained: The Monthly Update Form definition for Jobs Created/Retained has been modified to be consistent with new federal jobs reporting guidance. Jobs created/retained, on both the Monthly Update Form and Section 1512 Federal Reports, should represent quarterly information rather than cumulative data.

- Amount Received: The Monthly Update Form definition for Amount Received has been modified to include funds requested by invoice to your federal funding agent. This change will require recipients to report not only funds that have been previously received by draw down or reimbursement, but also funds that have been requested from the federal government by means of invoice. The federal and state definition for Total Amount of ARRA Funds Received/Invoiced is now:

Grants and Loans: The amount of Recovery Act funds received through draw-down, reimbursement or invoice.

Federally-Awarded Contracts: The amount of Recovery Act funds invoiced by the federal contractor (cumulative)

If you have questions or comments about any of this information, please feel free to contact the State Recovery Team.