



ARRA GUIDANCE UPDATE MAY 18, 2010



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Notification request for Office of Inspector General audits and federal agency reviews or inspections

To continue fulfilling the executive oversight required by the Governor's Office for all ARRA funds, the State Recovery Office must be kept informed of all program or grant visits from federal funding or auditing agencies. If your agency or institution receives notification that it will have a visit related to federal monitoring, program review or auditing of an ARRA-funded program, please forward this information as soon as possible to Anne Elizabeth McGowin, State Recovery Coordinator at anneelizabeth.mcgowin@finance.alabama.gov. Agencies and institutions are also asked to submit a copy of any audit findings, additional guidance or program/grant reviews issued to them resulting from any visit by the federal funding/reviewing/auditing agency.

Additional Davis-Bacon guidance from the Department of Labor for ARRA construction financing

The Department of Labor recently published additional Davis-Bacon guidance. This guidance provides general information to governmental and other entities regarding the applicability of Davis-Bacon labor standards to projects financed with the proceeds of the five specific tax-favored bonds listed in section 1601 of Division B of ARRA. The memorandum found at <http://www.dol.gov/whd/recovery/AAM208.pdf> also highlights the responsibilities of state and local government entities, contractors, and others for the implementation of and compliance with the Davis-Bacon labor standards in connection with these projects. The document provides links to websites that provide additional information and guidance about Davis-Bacon Act (DBA) requirements.

Reminder to agencies and institutions for certification and re-certification of Section 1511 infrastructure projects

Agencies and institutions are reminded that projects which fall under the infrastructure definition provided by the federal funding agency are required to be certified by the Governor **prior to expending funds on those projects**. As required by the Recovery Act, the 1511 Certification Form indicates that the investment "has received the full review and vetting required by law." In addition, the certification, along with a description of the investment, estimated total project cost, and the total amount of ARRA funds to be expended, must be posted and linked on the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board website at www.Recovery.gov. To meet the posting requirement, the Alabama Recovery Office will post a list of the certified projects on the State Recovery website, which is linked to Recovery.gov. Agencies and institutions are also encouraged to post a copy of their signed certifications on their ARRA web pages.

For agencies and institutions that have previously submitted projects to be certified, or for those that may receive future awards for infrastructure projects, please be reminded that changes to a list of certified projects will constitute the re-certification of a new list. Re-certification can be achieved by following the same steps that are taken for the initial certification. The process for certifying or re-certifying your agency or institution's projects under Section 1511 is as follows:

- Prior to expending ARRA funds, download the certification form from the Agency/Institution Login page at www.Stimulus.Alabama.gov
- Print and complete the 1511 Certification Form and the Infrastructure Project List. (Attached to this e-mail and found under the login section of www.Stimulus.Alabama.gov.)
- Send the signed form and the list of projects to the Finance Director's Office, Attn: Alycia Hill. Alycia will submit the forms and project lists to be signed by the Governor and provide a copy to your agency.
- Keep the completed form on file for compliance reviews, complaint investigations or audits.
- **Post the signed form on your agency's Recovery web page.** A copy of your certification, along with your project list, will be posted on www.Stimulus.Alabama.Gov and will also be forwarded to the Recovery and Transparency Board to be posted on www.Recovery.Gov by the Recovery Office.