



ARRA GUIDANCE UPDATE JUNE 25, 2010



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Revised memo from the State Building Commission

The State Building Commission has revised its August 31, 2009, memo to agencies and institutions to include additional guidance on Davis-Bacon Act requirements for projects funded with tax-favored bonds. Please find attached a copy of the revised memo, titled “ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE ON DAVIS-BACON ACT (DBA) FOR PROJECTS FUNDED WITH SPECIFIC TAX-FAVORED BONDS UNDER THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) FUNDS.”

The purpose of this memo is to provide state agencies and institutions with additional information based on the recent All Agency Memorandum (AAM) No. 208 from the Department of Labor. The AAM memo includes more specific guidance on the applicability of Davis-Bacon labor standards to projects funded with proceeds from specific tax-favored bonds. Please be aware that each recipient is ultimately responsible for complying with the conditions imposed by the receipt of ARRA funds. This memorandum does not relieve the recipient of those responsibilities. Where a conflict may exist, the Department of Labor’s AAM No. 208 shall govern. The full text of AAM No. 208 is available at <http://www.dol.gov/whd/recovery/AAM208.pdf>.

Online Stimulus Checkbook available within a few weeks

A Stimulus-related version of the Open.Alabama.gov checkbook will be released within a few weeks. Users will be able to view state ARRA-related expenditures on www.Stimulus.Alabama.gov in the same way that all state expenditures may currently be viewed using the Open Alabama website at www.Open.Alabama.gov.

A link will soon be e-mailed to each of you with access to this checkbook application. All state agency and institution users will have a week-long preview of the Open Stimulus checkbook prior to making it available to the public. The checkbook will contain a database of expenditures by category, payee and agency. The database and website tool will allow searching and drill-down capabilities. You’ll be able to view the results online or download the data as a PDF report or Excel spreadsheet. The database will be updated nightly, Tuesday through Saturday.

Please note the information provided will be derived from Fund Codes 1300-1399 only. As you are aware, each agency and institution is assigned a specific 1300 fund number when ARRA funds are awarded. Also, the checkbook will be sorted by payment fiscal year, which shows payments made from October 1 to September 30. Feel free to contact the Recovery Office for more information.