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Timeline for the fifth round of ARRA Section 1512 Quarterly Federal Reporting

October 1 marks the beginning of the fifth round of ARRA Section 1512 Quarterly Reporting. Recipients are required to report between October 1 – 10, and will have three days, October 11 – October 13, to make corrections to unlocked records. Agencies and institutions should be aware that October 10 is a Sunday. Please make appropriate arrangements to report data prior to the deadline, if necessary. Between October 14 - 29, agencies and recipients will communicate (both ways) and federal agencies can unlock records for changes. Data will be posted to Recovery.Gov on October 30. Around November 2, the most recent data will be unlocked and available for recipient changes. Just like the past Continuous Q & A Period, data will be updated on Recovery.gov every other Wednesday.

- **October 1 – 10**.....Initial Submission Period
- **October 11 – 13**.....Prime and Sub-Recipient Review and Correction Period
- **October 14 – 29**.....Federal Agency Review and Recipient Corrections
- **October 30**.....Data is published on Recovery.gov
- **November 2**.....Continuous Q&A Period
- **December 16**.....Final Continuous Q&A data published on Recovery.gov

New report available from the Government Accountability Office (GAO)

The GAO has posted a new report titled *Recovery Act: Opportunities to Improve Management and Strengthen Accountability over States' and Localities' Uses of Funds*. The programs selected for review were chosen primarily because they have begun disbursing funds to states or have known or potential risks. The risks can include existing programs receiving significant amounts of Recovery Act funds or new programs. This report focuses on the following programs:

- Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP)
- State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF)
- Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Act of 1965 as amended (ESEA)
- Parts B and C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, as amended (IDEA)
- Federal-Aid Highway Surface Transportation and Transit Capital Assistance Programs
- State Energy Program (SEP)
- Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program
- Weatherization Assistance Program
- Public Housing Capital Fund
- Tax Credit Assistance Program (TCAP)
- Grants to States for Low-Income Housing Projects in Lieu of Low-Income Housing Credits Program under Section 1602 of division B of the Recovery Act (Section 1602 Program)

Links to the report and the state supplements:

<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d10999.pdf>

<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d101000sp.pdf>