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OMB clarifies \$25,000 vendor payment threshold for Section 1512 reporting

The Federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has clarified the \$25,000 vendor payment threshold for Section 1512 reporting. The threshold refers to payments made to vendors in a quarter, not invoices. The clarification was necessary because OMB guidance suggested the threshold applied to payments, but the data model suggested it applied to invoices. OMB also clarified that the minimum \$25,000 threshold applies only to that particular quarter, and states will not have to include payments from previous quarters in future ones.

For example, if a prime or sub-recipient made three \$15,000 payments to a single vendor in the same quarter, those payments would be reported collectively, or as \$45,000 paid to Vendor A. However, if at any time a single payment to Vendor A meets or exceeds the \$25,000 threshold, it must be reported separately from other transactions. In addition, all vendor data elements (DUNS number, etc.) must be reported for payments that meet or exceed \$25,000. Please refer to the Section 1512 reporting flow chart on the stimulus website for further information.

***Certification to the Governor* form revised**

The Alabama Recovery Office has revised the *Certification to the Governor* form that was provided to agencies and institutions in the Finance Director's Third Guidance. The revised certification form can be found online at the agency login portal, located at www.Stimulus.Alabama.gov (username: Alabama, password: ARRA2009).

The certification ensures that data submitted by state entities to the federal government is timely, accurate and responsive to all government requirements. A revised certification was necessary because the document was designed to include both agencies and institutions, but failed to reference both in the first draft.

This certification must be completed and returned to the State Recovery Coordinator through AlabamaStimulus@finance.alabama.gov **prior** to submitting a report to the federal government. Certifications are required by the Governor if an agency or institution is reporting directly to www.FederalReporting.gov as a prime recipient or sub-recipient.

OMB makes changes to Section 1512 reporting requirements

OMB has again revised the list of grants and programs subject to Section 1512 reporting requirements. The most recent list, updated on August 31, can be found on the Agency/Institution Login Page at www.Stimulus.Alabama.gov under "Training Session for Agencies." This updated list replaces the list that was published in the Finance Director's Fourth Guidance, dated July 13, 2009.

Information Added

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2	Commerce	11.609	NIST Measurement and Engineering Research and Standards
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---	Commerce	11.300	Investments for Public Works and Economic Development Facilities
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Title Changed

Page	Agency	CFDA	New Title	Old Title
2	Commerce	11.307	EDA Economic Adjustment Assistance	EDA ARRA Economic Adjustment Assistance Grants
2	Commerce	11.557	NTIA Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
2	Commerce	11.558	NTIA State Broadband Data and Development Grant Program	State Broadband Data and Development Grant Program
2	Commerce	---	NTIA Digital to Analog Converter Box Program	Digital to Analog Converter Box Program (Use 20000312)
2	Commerce	---	NIST Scientific and Technical Research and Services	NIST Scientific and Technical Research and Services ARRA Plan 52
3	Commerce	---	NIST Construction of Research Facilities	Construction of Research Facilities ARRA Plan