



ARRA GUIDANCE UPDATE SEPTEMBER 22, 2011



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Reporting Deadline Extension for ARRA 1512 Ninth Quarterly Reporting Period

The reporting timeline for the 9th round of 1512 quarterly reporting is now available. **The initial submission period will run from October 1st through the 10th, however, the Recovery Act and Transparency Board will allow recipients an extended submission period until October 14th. Recipients will have from the 15th to the 18th to review the data they submitted and make any corrections necessary. The federal agency review period will begin on October 19th – 29th. During this time agencies and recipients will communicate (both ways) and federal agencies can unlock records for changes.** Data will be posted to Recovery.Gov on October 30th. From November 2 through November 28th, the most recent round of records will be unlocked and available for recipient changes during the Continuous Q&A period. Just like the past “continuous Q & A” periods, corrected data will be updated on Recovery.gov every other Wednesday until December 14th.

October 1-10	Initial Submission Period
October 11-14	Extended Submission Period
October 15-18	Recipient Review and Corrections
October 19-29	Federal Agency Review and Recipient Corrections
October 30	Data is published on Recovery.gov
November 2 – November 28	Continuous QA Period
December 14	Final Continuous QA data published on Recovery.gov

Reminder of CCR Registration Renewal

Agencies and Institutions should be aware that their Central Contractor Registration ID “(CCR)”, which is required for Section 1512 reporting into FederalReporting.gov, expires 12 months from the date of registration. **If a registration expires, the entity assigned to the registration will be unable to report in FederalReporting.gov until the registration is renewed.** Renewing a registration can take anywhere from 24-48 hours. As October 1 marks the beginning of the ninth quarterly federal reporting period,

agencies/institutions are reminded to review the current status of their CCR registration to ensure that they are active. The information below provides a brief summary for CCR and DUNS registration and renewal. Please reference ARRA Guidance Update, dated April 2, 2010, for a brief summary of CCR registration/renewal and DUNS registration as well as the User Guides for registering in FederalReporting.gov which can be found at <https://www.federalreporting.gov/federalreporting/documentation/FR-Gov%20User%20Guide%20Chapter%202%20Registration.pdf>

OMB Guidance Memorandum to Federal Agencies

In our continued effort to keep state agencies/institutions abreast of the latest ARRA news, the State Recovery Office would like to pass along the following information. The Federal Office of Management and Budget recently submitted a memorandum to Federal agencies funding ARRA. The memo issues an order to Federal agencies to spend remaining Recovery Act dollars quickly. Specifically, Federal agencies are to take steps to complete all Recovery Act related projects by September 30, 2013, submit any waiver requests for projects that will not meet the deadline by September 30, 2012 and put plans in place for recovering all unused funds. The memo further recognizes that 85 percent of Recovery Act funds have been paid out and that most remaining funds are already obligated.

A link to OMB's memorandum is below.

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/memoranda/2011/m11-34.pdf>

Reminder of Certification to the Governor Requirement

As agencies/institutions enter the ninth quarterly reporting period, they are reminded that the *Certification to the Governor* Forms (blank copy attached in email) must be submitted for each grant/program managed. Please send them to alabamastimulus@finance.alabama.gov prior to reporting at FederalReporting.gov.

Please note that if the certifying official manages multiple grants/programs, it will be acceptable for that official to submit a single certification for all grants/programs, rather than completing multiple, individual certifications. The single certification form must include the name of each grant/program that is being certified and contain all appropriate signatures. The certification ensures that the data submitted by state entities to the Federal government is timely, accurate and responsive to all government requirements. Further information regarding the *Certification to the Governor* can be found on Page 3 of the Third Guidance from the Finance Director's office, dated July 8, 2009.