



# ARRA GUIDANCE UPDATE OCTOBER 9, 2009



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## FederalReporting.gov revises service desk hours

The FederalReporting.gov service desk has revised its original schedule of operations and will now be open to assist reporting recipients on Saturday, October 10, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., EST. The service desk has also posted a chart of operating hours for specific dates. Please review the chart carefully so that you are familiar with when help will be available. [Click here to view the chart online.](#)

### *Service Desk Contact Information*

Phone: 877-508-7386

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\*\*\*It is important to note that as of 11 a.m. on Thursday, October, 8, the State of Alabama had 924 registrants on FederalReporting.gov. Of these, only 360 reports had been submitted, a trend also common in other states. As the deadline for reporting approaches, the State Recovery Office is concerned that a last-minute rush to submit reports may overwhelm the reporting system, potentially causing a system failure. We would like to urge state agencies and institutions to report as soon as possible to avoid any potential problems which may arise.

## Rejected CFDA numbers

Many states have reported that certain CFDA numbers were rejected by the federal reporting system. If your agency has attempted to submit information and that information was rejected due to an incorrect CFDA number, contact the appropriate federal granting agency responsible for the rejected CFDA's and the CFDA/Federal Service Desk at (866) 606-8220 to report the problem and seek a resolution. Please review the list of CFDA numbers below. The numbers listed are some that have been identified as problematic. A complete list can be found on the Agency Login page at [www.Stimulus.Alabama.gov](http://www.Stimulus.Alabama.gov).

Program Number	Title
10.001	Agricultural Research Basic and Applied Research
10.051	Commodity Loans and Loan Deficiency Payments
10.053	Dairy Indemnity Program
10.055	Direct and Counter-cyclical Payments Program
10.056	Farm Storage Facility Loans
10.066	Livestock Assistance Program

10.082	Tree Assistance Program
10.084	Dairy Market Loss Assistance Program
10.163	Market Protection and Promotion
10.167	Transportation Services
10.210	Food and Agricultural Sciences National Needs Graduate Fellowship Grants
10.223	Hispanic Serving Institutions Education Grants
10.255	Research Innovation and Development Grants in Economic (RIDGE)
10.310	Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI)
10.312	Biomass Research and Development Initiative Competitive Grants Program (BRDI)
10.435	State Mediation Grants
10.437	Interest Assistance Program
11.441	Regional Fishery Management Councils
15.428	Marine Gas Hydrate Research Activities
16.588	Violence Against Women Formula Grants

### **A reminder for agencies and institutions receiving federal contracts**

If a state agency or institution is receiving a federal contract instead of a grant, that agency or institution is considered a federal contractor. Federal contractors are required by Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clause 52.204-11 to report directly to the federal government using [www.FederalReporting.gov](http://www.FederalReporting.gov). As a federal contractor, the state agency or institution must comply with the FAR clause as though they were a private company that is based in Alabama.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) memo issued April 3, 2009, contained FAR clause 52.204-11, which requires federal contractors to report via [FederalReporting.gov](http://FederalReporting.gov) and also requires them to report for their subcontractors. The Alabama Recovery Office encourages agencies and institutions that are receiving federal contract funding to read the Frequently Asked Questions for federal contractors, which are linked under the FAQ tab at [FederalReporting.gov](http://FederalReporting.gov).