THE RECOVERY BOARD
& THE FUTURE

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As the grant $ flows

$195 Billion in ARRA grants have been awarded

Out of the over $787 Billion in grants, contracts, loans, entitlements & tax benefits
THE ACT

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:16 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Zapata, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1. An act making supplemental appropriations for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and State and local stabilization, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes.
To amend title 31, United States Code, to require accountability and transparency in Federal spending, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES
JUNE 16, 2011

Mr. WARNER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL
ARRA’s Impact—Today

Recovery Act Impacts

- Introduced new concepts about reporting
- Introduced use of an universal reporting tool—FederalReporting.gov
- Introduced publishing publically reported data—Recovery.gov
- Introduced a government-wide data quality standard for reporting
- Introduced new data views, e.g., maps

- Collect and report on prime and sub recipient data in a publically accessible, searchable website.

- Display Government-wide obligations, expenditures, and performance information on a public website.

- Post publically who is getting Federal funds and who has not reported as required by the ARRA.

- Agencies report funding activities weekly.

- Display funding at local levels.

- Most current and accurate display of how money is spent.

- Public can see how much money an entity overall received.

- Collection of Federal spending information at the congressional district level.

- Non-compliant awards as certified by the agencies and late reports are made publically accessible.

- Interaction with the public through social media on Federal spending.

- Public access to data through easy queries and downloads.
**THE “FIRSTS” FOR FUNDING MANAGEMENT**

- Same time reporting for ARRA recipients.
- Introduced use of Treasury Account Symbols (TAS) for consistency across budget, finance and program areas.
- Use of standard data elements for grants, contracts and loans produces better comparison data on agency, program, and recipient spending and performance.
- Data extracts provided agencies during reporting cycles.
- Government-wide electronic access for review/correction for agency and recipient.
- ARRA data is reported vertically and horizontally—intergovernmental use.
- Introduced and implemented a government-wide data quality methodology and process.
- Agencies redefined business practices.
GAME CHANGERS

- Recipients report
- Sub-recipient data collected
- Real Time data – Speed
- Quality data – QA process
- Non-normalized data base – audits and oversight
- Jobs (probably won’t be reported going forward)
- Transparent Information – all downloadable
- Technology Firsts – cloud, developers center, mapping API, social media, advanced mapping
- Concentration on PREVENTING fraud, waste & abuse
Welcome to the OSP Guide to ARRA Reporting

We are counting down to the next time MIT will transmit reporting data for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding.

The next quarterly reporting period begins July 1 and closes on Monday, July 11, at 5:00PM. MyARRA data will be available for the PIs on Sunday, July 3.

The deadline for Principal Investigators to complete ARRA reports is 5:00PM on Monday, July 11.

If you are a Principal Investigator, see What PIs Need to Know and Do.

We have developed a system that integrates existing data from multiple systems and simplifies the reporting process – a My ARRA module within Coeus Lite.

Overview of our approach

We are being asked to meet a very high standard of timeliness while delivering information that we have not been asked for in the past.

Because compliance is so important, we:

- require that the Principal Investigator completes the report using new Coeus MyARRA pages;
- will submit ARRA award data on the deadline regardless of whether the Principal Investigator has completed the report;
- will place research accounts in restricted status, preventing further spending, if My ARRA reports have not been completed by the Principal Investigator by 5:00PM on July 11.

- have asked Assistant Deans to name an ARRA Administrator in each department, lab or center;
- are delivering automated email notices to inform PIs when the system is ready for access and notifying Department Heads, Assistant Deans, and ARRA Administrators about ARRA awards for which reports have not been completed as the deadline approaches.

See Important Dates
What Principal Investigators Need to Know and Do

What to do
You are required by Section 1512 of the Recovery Act for recipients of grants, loans, and other forms of assistance to **submit quarterly reports.**

How long will it take to complete each report?
We don’t know. With the data prepopulated as shown above, it could take less than five minutes for each ARRA award.
LESSONS LEARNED

- Transparency is not for the feint of heart – you end up owning the data
- Data quality is a continuous process
- Cross government view is unique
- Friction against rapid changes in IT, finance, but we CAN do it!
- Award Id system – major cause for mismatched data
- Data standards – generally lacking – major weakness
- Transparency and Accountability work in tandem
- Proactive fraud prevention is effective
Government-wide Accountability and Transparency Board—Concept to Continue

Executive Order identifies creation of an Accountability and Transparency Board

Legislation in both House and Senate Introduced the establishment of an independent Board
AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 2146
OFFERED BY MR. ISSA OF CALIFORNIA
[Showing the amendment as amended and adopted by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform June 22, 2011]

112TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION
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The RATB morphs into a permanent board called “FAST”

- Federal Accountability & Spending Transparency Board
- Independent!
Make-up of the FAST Board includes:

- Federal Inspector Generals
- Federal Agency Dep-Secs & CMOs
- OMB – Controller/Dep Director Management
- Senate confirmed Chairperson
GOALS OF THE DATA BILL, AS WE SEE IT

- to provide accountability and transparency for all contracts, grants, and loans funded with federal monies
- ensure that the work of the Recovery Board can serve as a template for tracking all government spending
- assure transparency in government spending
GOALS OF THE DATA BILL, AS WE SEE IT

- Reduce reporting requirements for recipients of Federal funds, and
- Streamline reporting inside and outside the Federal Government – single portal
- Standardize data so it can be utilized across government (Fed & State)