

# ARRA Next Steps

## Tips

What to Expect  
Where to Find Opportunities

Bud Fitch, Director  
Office of Economic Stimulus





## For Employers - COBRA

ARRA includes new notification requirements, administered by the Department of Labor:

- Premium assistance
- New choices provided under ARRA.



# **IF YOUR GROUP HEALTH PLAN IS SUBJECT TO COBRA, THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 (ARRA) MAY IMPACT YOU**

There are new COBRA notice requirements that apply if any individual under your plan had a COBRA qualifying event on or after September 1, 2008. There are also additional COBRA election opportunities for certain individuals with qualifying events from September 1, 2008 through February 16, 2009.

For more information on the COBRA provisions and notice requirements under ARRA, contact the U.S. Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration at:

**1-866-444-3272**  
**or visit**  
**[www.dol.gov/COBRA](http://www.dol.gov/COBRA)**

For more information on the tax provisions of ARRA contact the IRS at:

**[www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)**





# For Employers - COBRA

For further information on  
the notice requirements,  
<http://www.dol.gov/COBRA>.

# ARRA Contracts/Grants

**Obtain a DUNS number now.**

**A D-U-N-S number is a unique nine-digit number recognized as the universal standard for identifying and keeping track of businesses, non-profits, and units of government**

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# ARRA Contracts/Grants

## **A DUNS number:**

- Is required by the federal government if you are going to be a direct or sub-recipient of ARRA funds.**





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- **There is no charge for a DUNS number.**
- **It takes only minutes to obtain a number.**





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## How to get a DUNS number

[http://www.dnb.com/US/duns\\_update/](http://www.dnb.com/US/duns_update/)

<http://www.nh.gov/recovery/>







# ARRA Contracts/Grants

## Next:

# Register with the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database. ...



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Central Contractor Registration (CCR) is the primary database for the U.S. Federal Government of everyone who does business with government.



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CCR collects, validates, stores  
and disseminates data in  
support of government  
procurement.





# CCR Registration

**You will need:**

**1. Data Universal Numbering  
System (DUNS) Number  
provided by Dun and  
Bradstreet (D&B)**



# CCR Registration

## You will need:

**2. Tax Identification Number (TIN) and Taxpayer Name used in Federal tax matters**



# CCR Registration

## You will need:

### 3. Statistical Information about your business

- Average Number of Employees
- Average Annual Receipts  
(optional)





# CCR Registration

**You will need:**

**4. Electronic Funds Transfer  
(EFT) Information for payment  
of invoices**



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<http://www.ccr.gov/>





# Transparency - ARRA Reports

**Section 1512 requires quarterly reporting of:**

- Name of Project or Activity
- Total Amount of ARRA Funds Received
- Cumulative Amount Expended
- Project Codes

(from lists to be provided)



# Transparency - ARRA Reports

**Section 1512 requires quarterly reporting of:**

- Narrative Description of the Project/Activity
- Evaluation of Completion Status
- Narrative Description of the employment impact

# Transparency - ARRA Reports

## Section 1512 requires quarterly reporting of:

- Infrastructure investments by State or Local Government will require:
  - Total Cost (Federal and local \$)
  - Rationale for choosing this use of \$
  - Name and contact of responsible Official



# Transparency - ARRA Reports

**Section 1512 requires quarterly reporting of:**

- For Sub-recipients:
  - DUNS number
  - Award Number
  - Name
  - Type (from list provided)

# Transparency - ARRA Reports

**Section 1512 requires quarterly reporting of:**

- For Sub-recipients:
  - Amount awarded/contracted
  - Cumulative Amount Disbursed
  - Date award/contract issued
  - Project period – start/end dates

# Transparency - ARRA Reports

## Section 1512 requires quarterly reporting of:

- Compensation for certain highly compensated officers – not likely to apply to NH contractors/grantees
- Awards of less than \$25,000 will be reported in the aggregate



# Accountability

- **Davis-Bacon Prevailing Wage Requirements**
  - **NH Recovery Site will have training Video**





# Accountability

- **Buy America**
  - **Limited by Treaties**
  - **Seek specific program by program guidance**
  - **Some programs will have limited waivers available**





# NH Recovery Web Site

- **Information Central**
  - **If you need information and it is not there, let us know**



# NH Recovery Web Site

## New Hampshire:

- <http://www.nh.gov/recovery/>

## United States of America:

- <http://www.recovery.gov/>