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TO: Procurement Directors

FROM: Office of Procurement and Assistance Policy, MA-61
Office of Procurement and Assistance Management

SUBJECT: Memorandum from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on Implementing Guidance for the Reports on Use of Funds Pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

SUMMARY: The subject June 22, 2009, memorandum from OMB provides agencies and financial assistance recipients guidance on reporting job creation/retention under Section 1512 of ARRA. The guidance document is available at http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/recovery_default/. The guide does not apply to contracts. OMB plans to issue additional guidance for contracts soon.

Recipients and certain first-tier sub-recipients are instructed to submit reports on job creation/retention and certain data elements required by the Federal Funding and Transparency Act of 1997, as amended. The guidance provides a list of the data elements required to be reported directly into <http://www.federalreporting.gov/>.

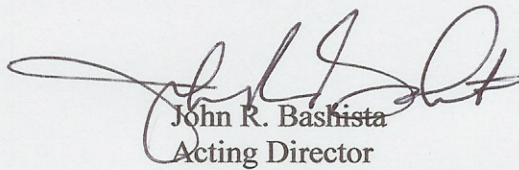
The guidance also requires action on the part of agencies that awarded the financial assistance agreements to validate and review the reports. Information on how DOE will accomplish this review is being coordinated with the Office of the Chief Financial Officer and the Recovery Act team. Details will be released as soon as possible.

Please note: The guidance delays the first date for reporting from July 10, 2009 to October 10, 2009. This delay is also in effect for contracts. Nonetheless, contractors and financial assistance recipients are still required to maintain the

data required for the July 10, 2009, report. Additional information is available at <http://www.federalreporting.gov/>.

This Flash will be made available online at the following website:
http://www.management.energy.gov/policy_guidance/policy_flashes.htm.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. Bashista", is written over the printed name.

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