ARRA Update

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ARRA SPOTLIGHT

BTOP Round 1 Award for AZ Libraries

Arizona's libraries have seen a tremendous increase in demand for their public access computers. The economic downturn has sent Arizonans to their local libraries for online access to everything from job listings, to employment applications and social services. The Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records (ASLAPR), a division of the Secretary of State, surveyed public and tribal libraries to determine the number of computers necessary for each library to serve its community. Of the libraries surveyed, the project team identified 84 that were shovel-ready to participate as project partners in a Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) application. These partner libraries serve diverse populations, many with no service or inadequate home Internet access. For many Arizonans, the library provides the only Internet access.

Next, ASLAPR conducted a series of meetings with county librarians to begin critical communication between the project team and the library partners. The meetings began with a detailed description of the stimulus program, including familiarizing county librarians with the statutory purposes of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), the main contents of the BTOP Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), specifics about the Public Computer Center (PCC) category of funding, and some of the reporting requirements that would be expected. Participating libraries were asked to provide justification for equipment requests and the 20 percent match.

The project team created a comprehensive audit trail documenting the "pre-application" data for each library including: computer wait times (some over one hour); number of public access computers; library hours of operation; and population served. This data was a critical success factor along with the strong support and match commitment from partner libraries. The data also provides a benchmark for post-award tracking and reporting.

With the federal award of $1,278,528 and match of $313,040, this PCC project will deploy more than 1,000 computers across the state. Once deployed, the computers will increase awareness and use of broadband to enhance Arizonans' access to valuable online tools and resources. The 84 public computer centers will serve more than 75,000 users per week or more than 450,000 residents throughout the term of the grant. For a list of partner libraries on BroadbandUSA, click here: AZ PCC Summary.

1512 REPORTING

2010 Quarter 1 Report

The Q1 2010 ARRA reporting period was a success with the goal of having all State Agency and University 1512 awards submitted to federalreporting.gov having been met by close of business on Friday, April 9th. It was a great team effort by all of those involved to ensure the reports were submitted on time, and in this case, ahead of the April 10th federal deadline. Federalreporting.gov experienced a number of system issues on both April 8th and 9th preventing submission of reports. As a result, the deadline for recipient report submission was extended to Friday, April 16th and the extra time was used as a "clean up" period. The federal feedback period ended on Thursday April 29th. A number of emails were received by our office and were dispersed to the State Agencies and Universities as notice or a request for corrective action. On Friday, April 30th www.recovery.gov was updated with the Q1 2010 data. This includes an update of all data on the site including maps, charts, and data extracts. Q1 2010 data for the azrecovery.gov website was sent to the Webmaster and will be updated in the very near future. We are currently in the "continuous edit period" of the Q1 2010 reporting cycle. During this time, submitted reports can be edited and bi-weekly data updates will be made to recovery.gov ensuring that the most accurate data is available to the public. Below is a breakdown as it pertains to Arizona. We have presented the numbers in two different ways (Numbers reported by State Agencies and Universities, Numbers reported by all direct recipients in Arizona including cities, towns, businesses, and State Agencies and Universities). If you have any questions about the reporting, please contact Ryan Sommers at goer_reporting@az.gov.

Arizona ARRA 1512 Reporting Summary – Q1 2010

	Number of Awards	Jobs	Award Amount (U.S. Dollars)	Total Received (U.S. Dollars)	Total Expended (U.S. Dollars)
State Agencies & Universities	461	4190.41	$ 2,589,664,481.00	$ 1,007,086,588.83	$ 991,295,830.05
All Other Arizona Entities	799	2725.82	$ 1,611,200,308.00	$ 237,489,229.17	$ 93,261,417.95
Totals	**1260**	**6916.23**	**$ 4,200,864,789.00**	**$ 1,244,575,818.00**	**$ 1,084,557,248.00**