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## ARRA Update

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## **COMPLIANCE SPOTLIGHT**

A-133 Desk Monitoring

On June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, the National Governor's Association in conjunction with the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board (RATb) sponsored an ARRA training for all of the state ARRA leads in Denver, CO. This event was widely attended by over 135 participants representing some 40+ states, territories, and major cities. The RATb discussed plans for the remaining 14 quarters of ARRA Section 1512 reporting, future functionality for the Recovery.gov site, common mistakes (including the marking of grants as final when they have not been officially closed by the federal grantor agency), and other timely issues. The U.S. Department of Labor discussed plans for the monitoring of Davis-Bacon requirements including the hiring of 30+ new auditors/investigators to do nothing but review grantee compliance with Davis-Bacon. The U.S. Department of Transportation presented on buy American steel and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs). The U.S. Government Accountability Office explained their plans for the final statewide quarterly review for the 16 states and the District of Columbia (which includes Arizona) and their transition to the next phase of their reviews which will be subject and/or program specific. Finally, Delottie and KPMG, which Arizona has partnered with, presented on their strategies and recommendations for A-133 compliance and sub-recipient monitoring based on their work in Arizona and other states. The information was very timely and Colorado as the host has agreed to summarize the sessions and provide the PowerPoint presentations to the other conference attendees. As soon as OER receives this information we will provide it to anyone interested in the information. For more information about conference, please contact Matthew Hanson at mhanson@az.gov.

## 1512 REPORTING

**DUNS and CCR** 

1-14 JulyRecipients Report30 JulyData is published on Recovery.gov15-20 JulyRecipients Report – Marked as 'Late'3 Aug.-14 Sept.Continuous QA Period21-22 JulyRecipient Review16 Sept.Final Continuous QA data published on Recovery.gov23-29 JulyAgency ReviewRecipient ReviewRecovery.gov

We request that all State Agencies and Universities send us the reporting templates and AFIS "tagged" transactions by COB on **Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>** to ensure they are submitted on time. If you have any questions regarding 1512 reporting, please contact Ryan Sommers (P: 602-542-7000 or E: <u>rsommers@az.gov</u>).

## **FOCUS ON THE RECOVERY**

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG)

The intent of this program is to assist U.S. states, counties, and cities in the development, promotion, implementation, and better manage energy efficiency and conservation projects and programs. The State of Arizona will receive millions of dollars to help reduce total energy use, reduce fossil fuel emissions and improve overall energy efficiency. Funding had been obligated to 68 communities and five counties, more than \$5.8 million will be used to develop and implement projects to improve energy efficiency and reduce energy use in Arizona's rural communities.

As of January 2010, DOE has awarded 32 government entities EECBG allocations in the amount of \$51,955,792 of \$54,223,900 (95.8%) partial funding has been awarded to: Cochise County - \$187,500 of \$362,800; City of Maricopa - \$124,300 of \$142,300; Pima County - \$250,000 of \$3,981,900; and Yuma County - \$23,992 of \$427,700. DOE has also awarded eight Tribal entities allocations in the amount of \$7,588,500 of \$8,963,900 (84.7%). The Tohono O'odham Nation was awarded partial funding, \$250,000 of \$437,800 and the Navajo Nation was awarded \$6,079,400 on October 9, 2009. If a Tribal government spans more than one state, eligible funding reflects the allocation for the Tribal government as a whole.) For more information visit <a href="mailto:Arizona Department of Commerce">Arizona Department of Commerce</a> or contact Robin Boudreau, Arizona EECBG Program Manager (P: 602-771-1153 or E: RobinB@azcommerce.com).