



Advisory Panel to the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board

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Agenda

- **Massachusetts Fourth Reporting Period Overview**
- **Fraud, Waste and Abuse**
 - Prevention
 - Compliance Monitoring
 - Management Oversight
- **Transparency**
- **Recommendations**



Overview of 2010 Quarter 2 Report

- **As of June 30**
 - **\$5.7 billion** in awards
 - **82% (\$4.1 billion) of \$5.0 billion in committed awards**
 - 9,865 FTEs reported: **54% increase in over Q1**
 - o Total FTEs: **10,432 (57% increase over Q1)**
 - Total individuals employed under ARRA for Q2: **27,044**
 - Total individuals employed since February 2009: **over 40,830**



Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Prevention

- **Early Commitment to Both Transparency and Fraud Prevention**
 - Established MassRRO
 - Hired former prosecutor as Compliance and Monitoring Manager
- **Preparing State Agencies to Combat Fraud, Waste and Abuse**
- **Independent KPMG Risk Assessment**



Compliance Monitoring and Oversight

- **Making Our Presence Felt**
- **Work with the STOP Fraud Task Force**
 - State Attorney General, Inspector General, and Auditor
- **Fraud, Waste and Abuse Button on www.mass.gov/recovery**



Management Oversight

- Monitoring Priorities List
 - Less than 15% spent; OR
 - Less than 40% committed
 - Net reduction in awards on MPL since April: 156 to 138
 - Watch List

- Frequent Site Visits Across the State



Transparency



Citizens' Update IV

Fourth Reporting Period Highlights

April 1 – June 30, 2010

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Weekly e-Update

Recovery Act continues to put thousands more back to work in MA - Message (HTML)

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Cc:
Subject: Recovery Act continues to put thousands more back to work in MA



Massachusetts Recovery Update

Week of July 25, 2010

Quote of the Week:

[“Our efforts must continue -- and will continue -- until everyone in Massachusetts is back to work.”](#)

Governor Deval Patrick, on the release of Massachusetts Recovery and Reinvestment Office’s 2010 second quarter job and spending numbers. Since the beginning of the Recovery Act, over 41,830 individuals have received an ARRA-funded paycheck.



FACES OF ECONOMIC RECOVERY

“The stimulus money has allowed us to reopen two classrooms that were closed due to lack of access to tuition subsidies for working parents.”

[Dianne Beardsley, executive director of Markman Children’s Programs, on the impact of stimulus on her year-round, full-day childcare program.](#)

YOUR RECOVERY DOLLARS AT WORK: NEWS & UPDATES

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I needed to go on with my goals.”**

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04/23/2010

Delivering Food, Friendship and Care

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For my next visit on my stimulus tour of the state I went to Berkshire County. I really lucked out and after all of the rain we have had I got 2 beautiful days.

I went to a wide variety of sites and met all sorts of different people. Let me tell you about my first stop in the town of Lanesborough.

I went to a kitchen that is part of [Elder Services of Berkshire County](#). It received \$114K in stimulus funding which Elder Services executive director Bob Dean told me was "a lifesaver." The kitchen is responsible for creating and delivering 1,000 meals a day, mostly to the homes of seniors throughout the

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Recovery Works

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window displaying a news article on the Massachusetts Recovery website. The browser's address bar shows the URL: http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=stinterminal&L=3&L0=Home&L1=See+the+Impact&L2=Recovery+Works&sid=Fstim&b=terminalcontent&f=recovery_works_am_contra. The website header includes the Massachusetts Recovery logo and navigation tabs for Home, Find Opportunities, See the Impact, Spending and Reports, and Resources. The article title is "Weatherization program helps contracting company thrive". The main content area features a photograph of Norm Dube, owner of A&M General Contracting, sitting at a table. To the right of the photo is the article text, which discusses the impact of the Recovery Act on his business. A search box is visible on the right side of the page. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the Start button, several application icons, and the system tray with the time 4:56 PM.

Weatherization program helps contracting company thrive - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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Weatherization program helps contracting company thrive

For Norm Dube, the Recovery Act has been a benefit not only to him and his company but also to the many employees he has hired to keep up with the stimulus funded weatherization work that has been coming his way.

Dube is the owner of A&M General Contracting, which is headquartered in Peabody. According to Dube, business had been slowing down for the past few years. Dube consistently had about 11 employees and in 2008 he did about \$1 million in gross sales. In the summer of 2009, though, A&M began to feel the impact of the Recovery Act's weatherization program, which was \$122 million – a sharp increase from the \$6.8 million that defined the program prior to the Recovery Act.

By the summer of 2009 A&M began to feel the stimulus impact. Suddenly, the company was busy – really busy.

"When [stimulus] first started, the fax machine was printing so fast," says John Lavie, a project manager with A&M.

A&M is now fixing about five to six homes a day. The company contracts with nine anti-poverty agencies throughout the North Shore and Central Massachusetts. Dube says that

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The Massachusetts Recovery website serves as the primary communication and reporting tool for the Commonwealth's implementation of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) program. This interactive site allows you to find ARRA funded opportunities, track the performance, and provide us with feedback regarding all state agency funded ARRA projects throughout Massachusetts.

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