ARRA Reporting Update

ARRA January Report Submission Update

- Successfully submitted approximately 240 reports on time via federalreporting.gov.
- Fulfilled our HR and Financial subrecipient reporting obligations. Submitted approximately 30 reports to Prime Recipients.
- Submission included all awards with effective dates 12/31/09 and prior.

- Days 16-21 Prime Recipient review period - SPF will monitor daily and make necessary corrections.
- Day 22-29 Agency review period - SPF will monitor daily and make necessary corrections.
- Day 30 – Reports made available to the public on http://www.recovery.gov/ and on individual federal agency websites.
ARRA Guidance Update

  - Jobs calculation will no longer be cumulative. Jobs calculation will be based on quarterly activity.
  - Definitions of jobs considered to be created or retained updated:
    - A job created is a new position created and filled, or an existing unfilled position that is filled, that is funded by the Recovery Act;
    - A job retained is an existing position that is now funded by the Recovery Act.
  - Calculation based on total time in the reporting period, regardless of when the grant period or employment period begins. Extends to all reporting periods the grant is active.

Impact of Updated Guidance

- Impact of updated OMB Jobs Reporting guidance
  - Modified ARRA HRIS report logic to calculate FTE estimates on a quarterly basis.
  - Continue excluding Tenured Faculty. Working with counsel and peer institutions to determine if a change is required.
  - Confirmed current FTE estimates are calculated based on total time available in the reporting period, regardless of when the grant or employment period began.
  - Revised Purchasing Vendor questionnaire jobs guidance for vendors receiving payments equal to or greater than $25k.
  - A revised Sub-recipient reporting template will be distributed.
  - If necessary, we will submit revised employment impact estimates during the correction period for the January submission which has been extended to include the period between February 2, 2010 through March 31, 2010.
Updated Agency Guidance

- Agencies are responding with revised guidance
  - Progress Reporting
    - PIs required to provide a quarterly summary of activities conducted to date (Personnel in Place, Research Underway and/or Equipment purchased and/or installed).
    - PIs will no longer be able to state ‘As defined in the project abstract’.
    - Other agencies (e.g. EPA) have provided more specific guidance which may require that PIs provide additional information.
  - Other agency updates received to date focused on Jobs calculation and align with OMB guidance.

What Next?

- Department collection of data elements from vendors who receive payments equal to or greater than $25k via online webform. Rollout targeted for late January.
- On-line ARRA Progress Reporting webform. Rollout targeted for next quarterly collection in March.
- Potential for additional changes in Jobs Reporting logic based on revised OMB guidance.
Questions

- Any questions?
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