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TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES
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ONE-STOP CAREER CENTER LEADS
ALL STATE AND LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARDS
ALL ETA DIRECT GRANT RECIPIENTS

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Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: Technical Assistance on American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
Section 1512 Reporting Requirements

1. Purpose. To inform workforce system stakeholders of additional technical assistance options related to the Section 1512 Reporting Requirements in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

2. References.

- Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Implementing Guidance for the Reports on Use of Funds Pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (OMB M-09-21), dated June 22, 2009.
- Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) 1-09 dated August 14, 2009: “Reporting Requirements under Section 1512 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009”.

3. Background. President Barack Obama has called for an unprecedented level of transparency for how Federal dollars are being spent under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act). As envisioned by the Recovery Act, this level of transparency is essential to ensure accountability for the timely, prudent and effective spending of Recovery Act funds. It is therefore critical that all recipients of employment and training funds under the Recovery Act immediately prepare to implement the requirements of Section 1512 of the Act.

Section 1512 requires recipients to report on the use of Recovery Act funding. The Section 1512 recipient reports will contain detailed information about the projects and activities funded by the Recovery Act. The reports will be posted on www.recovery.gov within 30 days to maximize transparency and the public’s access to information about Recovery Act funded activities and projects.

The first Section 1512 recipient reports are due on October 10, 2009, with subsequent reports being due no later than the 10th day after the end of each calendar quarter. The reports will be submitted through a central electronic reporting system (portal) at www.FederalReporting.gov.

4. Available Resources. With the first recipient reports due October 10th, grantees should complete their registration at www.FederalReporting.gov and identify the data required to be collected for recipient reports. Technical assistance related to the Section 1512 reporting requirements and reporting process is being provided to grantees in a number of ways.

- OMB has provided clarification of the June 22, 2009, Implementing Guidance for the Reports on Use of Funds Pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (OMB M-09-21). The clarification is in the form of questions and answers which may be found at www.recovery.gov. In addition, OMB has published the final data collection model and report templates which are also available at that Web site.
- The reporting system portal at www.FederalReporting.gov is now operational and available for registration. Grantees are urged to review additional guidance and important information available at that Web site.
- The Employment and Training Administration has issued TEGL 01-09, dated August 14, 2009: “Reporting Requirements under Section 1512 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009”. This TEGL provides guidance on the information necessary to effectively implement the Section 1512 reporting requirements.
- A new mailbox has been established that may be used by recipients of Recovery Act funds to submit questions regarding the Section 1512 recipient reporting: 1512.reports@dol.gov. Grantees are urged to submit questions related to the reports early so that any barriers to the effective implementation of the requirements may be identified and resolved. Responses will be provided individually as soon as possible. Questions will also be posted periodically in the Frequently Asked Questions section of the ETA Recovery Act Web site at www.doleta.gov/recovery.

5. Inquiries. Questions concerning this Training and Employment Notice should be directed to the appropriate regional office.