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Federal Agency ARRA Activity Update

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RECOVERY.GOV

- Prime recipients and sub-recipients of Recovery Act awards submitted their reports in this next cycle that closed on July 30th. Basic data from this reporting cycle is available [here](#).
- Another new report on the status of the Recovery Act was recently released. Titled: *Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board - Quarterly Report To The President and Congress. Insight and Information on the Recovery Board's Operations Through June 2010*. The report is available [here](#).
- This recovery.gov featured story talks about the recovery act funds that have been used to speed up uranium clean-up. In Moab, Utah the leftover uranium was threatening clean water for 4 states because it was only 750 feet from the Colorado River. Now with the extra recovery funds, the Ore and tailings are being cleaned up. To read this full article go [here](#).

WHITE HOUSE BLOG

A White House Blog posting addresses: "[Why, 17 Months After Passage of the Recovery Act, Aren't All the Funds Out the Door?](#)"

The posting responds to critiques about billions in "unspent" Recovery Act funds stating that nearly a year and a half after the Recovery Act's enactment, virtually all of the funds have been allocated. The posting states that, "Of the \$787 billion in the Recovery Act, about 94% is either in tax cuts, payments, or projects under contract. Of the remaining 6%, half has been awarded and contracts are being finalized -- and half is in the final stages of the award process." You can access a White House document with more details on the funding of programs that received or are waiting to receive funding [here](#) Or, read the full Blog post [here](#).

Another White House Blog post addresses: "The Recovery Act: Laying the Foundation for America's 21st Century Clean Energy Economy." Secretary Donovan highlights the Department of Housing and Urban Development's efforts to utilize ARRA funds to help the green economy. This has been done through upgrading and retrofitting 230,000 units, providing research that proves that green home improvements create savings, and providing interagency support to home weatherization. Read this blog post [here](#).

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (DOL)

DOL has made available a full checklist of all currently active Advisories as well as checklists of all advisories rescinded/cancelled as of May 31, 2010; including those related to ARRA issues. To see the checklists go [here](#).

EVENT

The **21st Annual National Equal Opportunity Training Symposium** is hosted by the U.S. Department of Labor's Civil Rights Center (CRC), in partnership with the Equal opportunity Committee of the National Association of State Workforce Agencies, Inc. (NASWA). The event seeks to provide training and professional development, and real-world solutions for implementing the nondiscrimination and equal opportunity laws that apply to the Nation's workforce development/workforce investment system.

Event: 21st Annual National Equal Opportunity Training Symposium

Dates: August 9 to August 13

Time: 9:00 to 4:30

For more information including the preliminary Conference-at-a-Glance go

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The Department of Education announced that 18 states and the District of Columbia are the finalists for the second round of funding in the Race to the Top program. The 19 finalists are: Arizona, California, Colorado, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and South Carolina. Through all of these programs, the Department of Education will be distributing almost \$10 billion to support reform in states and local communities.

Race to the Top's Next Steps: These finalists will travel to Washington during the week of Aug. 9 to present their plans to the peer reviewers who scored their applications. After the state's presentations and an extended question-and-answer period, the peer reviewers will finalize their scores and comments. For more information, click [here](#).

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE)

DOE recently released a report with state by state data detailing the homes weatherized under ARRA up to May 2010. A total of 25, 231 homes were weatherized in May, Texas led all states weatherizing 2, 129 homes in May. Overall Illinois has weatherized the most homes 8,157 followed by Pennsylvania, and California. To obtain the full report go [here](#).

IN THE NEWS

A recent Center for American Progress article titled: *Business Investment Carries Recovery Forward, but Trade Deficit Grows More Worrisome Analysis of Second Quarter GDP Growth Estimates* points to the Recovery Act as a mechanism that made it easier for consumers, businesses, and the government to spend money in the middle of a struggling economy. To read the full article click [here](#).

Bernanke sees 'moderate growth,' but a long road to recovery (CNN Money, 8/2/2010)

"With economic conditions far from normal, state budgets will probably remain under substantial pressure for a while, leaving governors and legislatures a difficult juggling act as they try to maintain essential services while meeting their budgetary obligations," Bernanke said. He suggests that states boost their reserve funds to ease their financial problems. To read this full article go [here](#).

Blinder, Zandi Say Bailouts Likely Averted Depression

(*BloombergBusinessweek*, 7/28/2010)

A new report by economists Blinder and Zandi says that the financial bailouts and the federal stimulus by Bush and Obama averted a depression and saved 8.5 million jobs. The study also found that in 2009 GDP would have fallen 7.4 percent instead of 2.4 percent if these measures had not been taken. To read this full article go [here](#).

Event

Women Working in Alternative Energy Teleconference

When: August 3, 2010

Time: 1:00 p.m.–2:30PM EDT

More information [here](#),

Register [here](#).

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