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The following message has been sent to PIs with ARRA funded awards.

As PI of an ARRA (American Reinvestment and Recovery Act, aka stimulus) funded award or supplement, you are aware that these funds come with additional reporting requirements compared to regular research grants. The federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB), which has oversight responsibility for 'stimulus' reporting, has identified the information required, and the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation (the primary sources of stimulus funds at OSU) have finally provided fairly specific guidance on the data they are requiring for the first ARRA reporting period (reports due 10/10/09). This e-mail is to share with you how OSU will be managing the reporting for these research awards.

The bad news is that each award requires a separate spreadsheet, and all of the spreadsheets have to be uploaded to the federally-managed FederalReporting.gov web-site by October 10th 2009. The good news, at least for PIs, is that the reporting will be done by the ARRA reporting team within the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) at OSU. So, there is no need for PIs or their staff to register with FederalReporting.gov (we will remove those who have registered). All of the data will be available at Recovery.gov, a publicly accessible site.

Many of the data elements are simply administrative – ID numbers, names, addresses, etc. However, there are some that will provide information that might be of more interest to a broader audience—such as project abstract, jobs resulting from funding and how funds are being used. The attached [spreadsheet](#) shows these latter data elements, what they represent, and the sources we will use to obtain information. All of the required data can be extracted from existing sources, so you should not be required to do anything except use the funds as intended – to create or retain Ohio jobs that will accelerate scientific progress. Since it is highly unlikely that ARRA-funded awards will be granted “no-cost” time extensions, it is also important that the project appointments, subawards and large equipment purchases be initiated in a timely way.

As you can imagine, there is a great deal of interest both locally and nationally in how ARRA funds are being used. Several central units at OSU (Office of Research, Office of Business and Finance, and University Communications, among others) are involved in providing information to a variety of organizations. We will certainly try to minimize the impact on PIs, but you may occasionally be asked to provide some additional information in response to a specific request.

Finally, the whole ARRA reporting process remains a work in progress. We have specific instructions on for completing the October reports, but it is quite likely that the agencies will modify their requirements for subsequent quarters (next report due January 10th 2010). We will keep you informed.

Meanwhile, please contact me or your Sponsored Program Officer if you have questions or concerns.

Thanks very much.

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