

## RECOVERY ACT ASSURANCES

1. **Grant Funds:** These grant assurances addresses additional requirements applicable to funds appropriated in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA or the Recovery Act, P.L. 111-5).
2. **Purposes and Principles:** In accordance with the intent of the Recovery Act, funds must be spent expeditiously and effectively, with full transparency and accountability in the expenditure of funds. The Recovery Act provides more than an injection of workforce development resources into communities in need across the country. The significant investment of stimulus funds presents an extraordinary and unique opportunity for the workforce system to accelerate its transformational efforts and demonstrate its full capacity to innovate and implement effective One-Stop service delivery strategies. As grantees plan how they will make immediate use of the Recovery Act funds, ETA encourages them to take an expansive view of how the funds can be integrated into transformational efforts to achieve a new level of effectiveness throughout the public workforce system. In this system, the needs of workers and employers are equally important in developing thriving communities where all citizens succeed and businesses prosper. Successful implementation of the Recovery Act includes quick and effective provision of services and training for workers in need. Grantees are advised that the Recovery Act funds are intended to supplement, not supplant, existing funds.
3. **Limit on Funds:** None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available in the Recovery Act may be used by any State or local government, or any private entity, for any casino or other gambling establishment, aquarium, zoo, golf course, or swimming pool.
4. **DUNS/CCR:** Grantees and their subrecipients (first tier) must have a Dun and Bradstreet Numbering System (DUNS) number ([www.dnb.com](http://www.dnb.com)) and must maintain active and current profiles in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) ([www.ccr.gov](http://www.ccr.gov)).
5. **Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards:** Grantees agree to separately identify the expenditures for each grant award funded under the Recovery Act on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) and the Data Collection Form (SF-SAC) required by Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations." This identification on the SEFA and SF-SAC shall include the Federal award number, the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number, and amount such that separate accountability and disclosure is provided for the Recovery Act funds by

Federal award number consistent with the recipient reports required by the Recovery Act Section 1512(c).

6. **Responsibilities for Informing Sub-recipients:** Grantees agree to separately identify to each sub-recipient and document at the time of sub-award and at the time of disbursement of funds, the Federal award number, CFDA number, and amount of Recovery Act funds.
7. **Reporting: Program Management and Financial Expenditure:** Accountability guidelines for the Recovery Act emphasize data quality, streamlining data collection, and collection of information that shows measurable program outputs. The Act also emphasizes transparency and frequent communication with the American public about the nature of the Recovery Act investments. Accordingly, the Grantor is developing reporting guidelines that will minimize any new collection burdens yet provide timely accurate accounting of system performance and outcomes. Grantees shall collect and report information as conveyed in upcoming ARRA reporting instructions to be issued by the Grantor. **NOTE:** Recovery Act reports will be due 10 days after the end of each calendar quarter, starting with the quarter ending June 30, 2009.
8. **Veterans' Priority Provisions:** NOTE: this provision applies to all PY 2008 funds in place of the version of the Veterans' Priority Provisions clause in the original agreement. This program, funded by the U.S. Department of Labor is subject to the provisions of the "Jobs for Veterans Act" (JVA), Public Law 107-288 (38 USC 4215), as implemented by the Final Rule published on December 19, 2008 at 73 Fed. Reg. 78132. The JVA provides priority of service to veterans and spouses of certain veterans for the receipt of employment, training, and placement services. The Planning Guidance (either the Stand-Alone Planning Guidance at 73 FR 72853 (December 1, 2008)) or the Unified Planning Guidance at 73 FR 73730 (December 3, 2008) requires states to describe the policies and strategies in place to ensure, pursuant to the Jobs for Veterans Act and the regulations, that priority of service is provided to veterans (and certain spouses) who otherwise meet the eligibility requirements for all employment and training programs funded by the U.S. Department of Labor. In addition, the states are required to provide assurances that they will comply with the Veterans' Priority Provisions established by the Jobs for Veterans Act (38 USC 4215).
9. **General Provisions of the Recovery Act, as applicable:** The following clauses are specific to usage of ARRA funds and are intended to supplement, not replace any existing terms and conditions.
  - **Wage Rate Requirements:** Subject to further clarification issued by the Office of Management and Budget and notwithstanding any other provision of law

and in a manner consistent with other provisions of ARRA, all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors on projects funded directly by or assisted in whole or in part by and through the Grantor pursuant to this award shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on projects of a character similar in the locality as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code. With respect to the labor standards specified in this section, the Secretary of Labor shall have the authority and functions set forth in Reorganization Plan Numbered 14 of 1950 (64 Stat. 1267; 5 U.S.C. App.) and section 3145 of title 40, United States Code. (ARRA Sec. 1606)

- **Whistleblower Protection:** Each Grantee or sub-recipient awarded funds made available under the ARRA shall promptly refer to the Grantor Office of Inspector General any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, contractor, sub-recipient, subcontractor, or other person has submitted a false claim under the False Claims Act or has committed a criminal or civil violation of laws pertaining to fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct involving those funds. (ARRA Sec. 1553)
- **Buy American – Use of American Iron, Steel, and Manufactured Goods:** None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by the Recovery Act may be used for a project for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public building or public work unless all of the iron, steel, and manufactured goods used in the project are produced in the United States. See the Recovery Act Section 1605 – Buy American Requirements. All prohibitions on construction remain applicable to Grantees.

## ACCEPTANCE

Signature of Authorized Representative: \_\_\_\_\_