



## American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) Update Week of March 16 – 20, 2009

### I. Overview

As a service to Council members, BCSE staff will provide regular updates on various program and funding process aspects of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) and provide key agency contact information.

More than \$43 billion will soon be directed to renewable energy, energy efficiency and other program areas, made available largely through existing state and other programs. While a significant portion of the funding will go to states for distribution, federal guidance will be required to oversee expanded and new activities.

As the Council heard from DOE Senior Policy Advisor Matt Rogers during the BCSE's *Clean Energy and Economic Forum*, March 2 – 4, 2009, the administration wants agencies to direct stimulus dollars to the best and most shovel-ready projects that can provide immediate job results.

Several agency guidelines have recently been made available and in the coming weeks it is expected that other federal agencies to make public their plans for distributing stimulus funding. The Council also anticipates that many agencies will face substantial challenges in appropriately targeting and allocating funding in a timely manner. The Council will endeavor to stay abreast of important developments and opportunities for members to access key information related to various program requirements, including grant application processes and key contacts. The Council will also keep its members apprised of any congressional activity to oversee implementation of the stimulus bill to ensure that this funding meets the objectives of job creation, energy infrastructure deployment and renewable energy development.

### II. ARRA Funding

In general, funding that will be allocated directly from the federal government will go through [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). Pre-registration is required on this website before applying for any federal funds. The process to [apply for funding](#) can take several weeks, so it is a good idea to [register now](#).

Other funds will be allocated through state offices. The Council recommends that members contact their state energy office and your Governor's office for information on applying for funding. The contact information for all state energy offices can be found through the [National Association of State Energy Officials](#).

Specifically, about \$8 billion will eventually be spent on energy efficiency grants through the stimulus, with \$5 billion channeled through DOE's Weatherization Assistance Program and about \$3 billion going directly to states. Information on the Department's guidelines can be found at: [http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block\\_grants.cfm](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block_grants.cfm).

Recent news about the Weatherization Program funding specifics can be found at: <http://www.energy.gov/news2009/7015.htm>.

Renewable Energy Programs funded by stimulus revenue will include a Treasury Department

grant program for renewable energy developers, a long-term extension of the wind energy production tax credit, an Energy Department loan guarantee program, an expansion of RD&D funding and a tax credit for advanced energy manufacturers. Guidance is expected soon from the Treasury Department on how the programs will disburse the funds.

### **III. Helpful Websites**

Comprehensive American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Information:  
[www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov)

Energy Department Information Related to ARRA: [www.energy.gov/recovery/](http://www.energy.gov/recovery/)

Treasury Department Information Related to ARRA: [www.treasury.gov/recovery/](http://www.treasury.gov/recovery/)

Congressional Research Service report on the energy provisions in the ARRA:  
<http://www.appanet.org/files/PDFs/CRSEnergyProvisionsARRA3309.pdf>

### **IV. Upcoming ARRA Informational Webinars and Conference Calls**

March 16, 2009, 1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m. EST, “American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009” hosted by the Ernst & Young Americas Power & Utilities Center, Contact information: [thoughtcenter.webcast@ey.com](mailto:thoughtcenter.webcast@ey.com).

March 17, 2009, 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. EST Stimulus Overview & Status Report by Jeff Genzer, Duncan, Weinberg, Genzer law firm, hosted by BCSE, contact: [bcse@bcse.org](mailto:bcse@bcse.org).

March 18, 2009, Noon—1:30 p.m. EST “What the Stimulus Means for Renewables: Viewpoints of Key Players,” hosted by ACORE, Contact information: Wanda M. Bridgett, [bridgett@ballardspahr.com](mailto:bridgett@ballardspahr.com); 202 661-7611.