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To: State of Mississippi PELL Grant Recipients
From: Cille Litchfield, Deputy Executive Director
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Subject: ARRA Update

The Office of the Governor issued a comprehensive guidance package regarding your responsibilities under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Stimulus Act) on July 17, 2009, and a revision to the guidance on August 5, 2009. In both versions of the guidance, information was shared regarding requirements for reporting information to the State central level as well as regarding Section 1512 reporting within the Stimulus Act. For reference, the August 5th version of this guidance is available at this link:

<http://www.mmrs.state.ms.us/imported/docs/lib/DFA/Archives/Recovery/20090805%20Stimulus%20revised%20reporting%20guidance%20memo.pdf>

The State of Mississippi used information represented as "ARRA funded" from www.USAspending.gov to identify State of Mississippi recipients of Stimulus Act funding. It was, and still is, our intention to make a broad declaration of responsibilities for recipients of these funds and then revise the requirements as clarifications are received from the Office of Management and Budget and other sources.

OMB has now clarified (Page 288 of the OMB A-133 Compliance Supplement: **Recovery Act Considerations**) that PELL grant recipients are not required to file Section 1512 reports on www.FederalReporting.gov. PELL grant recipients are also exempt from providing the information to the Office of the Governor as specified in the August 5th guidance. Please be advised, however, that exemption from Section 1512 reporting and from reporting to the Governor does **NOT** exempt PELL grant recipients from monitoring by the Office of the State Auditor.

Please direct any questions you may have in this matter to your federal granting agency or to the Office of the Governor at stimulus@governor.state.ms.us.