

Update on Federal Reporting

Pennsylvania Stimulus Oversight Commission

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Section 1512 – Overview

- Section 1512 of the Recovery Act
 - Each recipient of ARRA funds must file quarterly reports (cumulative)
 - Reports are due 10 days after the close of each quarter
 - October 10, 2009

Section 1512 – Content

- Key content of Section 1512 reports
 - Amount of funds received
 - Description of project or activity
 - Evaluation of completion status
 - Estimate of employment impact
 - Information on grantees/subrecipients
 - Additional detail for infrastructure work

Section 1512 – Reporting Requirements

- The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) defines the reporting requirements
- Instructions continue to evolve:
 - 02/17/09: Recovery Act signed
 - 02/18/09: “Initial Implementing Guidance”
 - 04/03/09: “Updated Implementing Guidance”
 - 06/22/09: “Implementing Guidance”

Section 1512 – New Guidance

- June 22nd guidance contains new and expanded reporting requirements
- We are updating our work plans accordingly
- The June 22nd guidance leaves questions unanswered, and raises some new ones
 - We submitted questions to OMB on July 2nd to seek clarification

▶ Our Approach – Principles

- How will we ensure we are compliant with Section 1512 reporting requirements?
- Defining principles of our approach:
 - Build upon existing investments in technology
 - Leverage in-house expertise
 - Centralize reporting

Our Approach – Existing Technology

- The Commonwealth has no need to acquire new systems in order to comply with Section 1512
- SAP Enterprise Resource Planning System
- New database to store “non-SAP” data
- Other applications for data transportation, reporting, etc.

Our Approach – Internal Expertise

- Responsibility for Section 1512 compliance resides within a Reporting Workgroup
 - Gap analysis, participation
- IT Workgroup addresses holes in existing capabilities identified by Reporting Workgroup
 - Some SAP customizations already complete
 - This group designs the new “non-SAP” database
- Agency stimulus coordinators meet bi-weekly
 - Mechanism to capture/disseminate information

Our Approach – Centralized Reporting

- Commonwealth's ERP investment makes centralized reporting possible. The benefits:
 - Relieves agencies of compliance burden
 - Mitigates risk of inconsistent reports
 - Protects subrecipients from redundant data requests
- Agencies apply a common model to coding stimulus funds: *Administrative Circular 09-05*
 - Stimulus funds may not be commingled with others
 - ARRA-related revenues and expenditures are coded to specific 10-digit fund numbers in SAP

Timeline

- July 2009
 - Finalize gap analysis and inventory data availability/quality concerns
 - Construct new database for “non-SAP” information
 - Survey agencies to collect “one-and-done” items
- August 2009
 - Make additional SAP modifications, including new reports
 - Complete initial mock-up of Section 1512 report
 - FederalReporting.gov goes online
- September 2009
 - Capture any additional information from agencies and subrecipients
 - Use mock-up to test data availability and accuracy
 - Document and test new business processes
- October 2009
 - Reports due no later than October 10th via FederalReporting.gov