

The Recovery Act: A Year In Review

AGENDA

All events will take place in the Rose Garden room, located on the nineteenth floor of the Hyatt at the Bellevue Hotel.

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

- 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Registration**
- 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Introductions, an overview of the day's agenda and a discussion of why ETA has provided ARRA grant funds to participants.
- 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **National Update**
A Washington perspective on important budget, legislative and policy developments emerging in the workforce area that will impact programs in the future.
- 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. **Break**
- 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. **An ARRA Performance Perspective**
A presentation and discussion of ARRA implementation in Region 2 looking at who is being served, selected services being provided and the utilization of ARRA funds. The emphasis will be on the story of ARRA implementation, what has been achieved in the first year of ARRA and actions remaining with a year to go.
- 12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch (On Your Own)**
- 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. **Partnering for Success**
ARRA provided not only funding, but also great opportunities for projects to succeed using funding from multiple sources. This session will highlight two successful approaches to local, state and Federal partnering. We will highlight the jointly funded ETA/EDA Hermitage Technology Innovation and Development Center which was built green (LEED certified) and is being used to train for green occupations. Also highlighted will be the approach taken by Baltimore City in coordinating the activities, hiring and projects funded through a variety of agencies. This session will focus on ideas that are replicable, challenges that had to be overcome, and ideas for further collaborations.
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Making the Linkages with TANF**
Throughout the years, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Department of Labor have discussed ways of connecting the TANF programs and those funded under the Workforce Investment Act. This session will highlight two innovative approaches currently operational. Pennsylvania and Maryland have made the connection and are currently paving the way for further collaboration. This session will focus on the substance of the actual projects, what is doable in a partnership, and what hurdles had to be overcome. Speakers will provide information on the motivation behind the collaboration as well as ideas they have for future collaboration.

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3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Break

3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

ARRA: An Opportunity for Successful Collaboration

To state and local areas the Federal government seems like a large and complex place, and perhaps finding resources doesn't seem like the easiest task. ETA is convening a panel discussion of Federal Partners receiving ARRA funding. Each partner has been requested to discuss their ARRA allocation, the required uses of the funds, ideas they have on partnering, and successful collaborations they already have underway. This is an opportunity to meet Federal leadership and learn about resources that you may be able to leverage in your state or local area.

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

Reflections on Day One

8:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Green Jobs Showcase

In the previous year, ETA Region 2 was awarded \$54 million in ARRA "Green" grants to improve our understanding of green and high growth industries. They include Pathways Out of Poverty, Energy Training Partnership, State Energy Sector Partnership, Labor Market Information Improvement and Health and High Growth grants. This segment provides a forum for state-based discussion of the new funding each state received and how to successfully link with current state and local initiatives.

9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

On-the-Job Training

On-the-Job training has been proven to be an effective training program, yet over recent years has fallen into relative disuse by local workforce programs. ETA will review the important aspects of the recently announced NEG OJT program. State and local workforce leaders are also asked to share their policies, procedures and successful practices for On-the-Job Training.

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

ARRA: Where Do We Go From Here?

Just a year remains to fully execute ARRA formula funded activities. States and localities must undertake a full scale effort to ensure that maximum number of participants benefit from ARRA training and work activities. This session will summarize important points from the meeting sessions as well as audience reflections on actions to be taken to ensure success.

11:00 a.m.

Close of ARRA Meeting