

NDE Bulletin
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American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF)

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One of the reporting requirements of the four assurances of SFSF is the collection of information on the Teacher and Principal Evaluations systems used by districts. A survey has been designed to collect descriptions of the evaluation systems currently in use. The Teacher and Principal Survey opened April 1 and is found in the Consolidated Data Collections tab in the Portal. **All districts must complete this report. All reports are due by June 30, 2010.**

Information on the SFSF assurances is found on the NDE ARRA website at:

<http://www.nde.state.ne.us/ARRA/State%20Fiscal%20Stabilization%20Fund.html> . It contains guidance and information from the U. S. Department of Education and NDE explaining the four assurances and the requirements under each. Each component of the SFSF plan requires public reporting and will be posted here, including the State's application when it is approved. Every report and data collection resulting from the 37 indicators and descriptors in the SFSF Application Phase II will also be posted at this site. The indicators and descriptors can be found in [ARRA Stabilization Funds Application Plan \(http://www.nde.state.ne.us/ARRA/PowerPoint/ARRA%20Stabilization%20Funds%20Application%20Plan.ppt\)](http://www.nde.state.ne.us/ARRA/PowerPoint/ARRA%20Stabilization%20Funds%20Application%20Plan.ppt), the ARRA telecasts under "Presentations" on the ARRA main page, or under NCLB <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/federalprograms/index.htm>.

Section 1512 Reporting

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Section 1512 of ARRA requires reporting of jobs created/saved and vendor information on a quarterly basis. NDE will collect this information from every sub-recipient (district, ESU or School Food Authority) through an ARRA Section 1512 Reporting program in the Consolidated Data Collection in the NDE Portal: <http://portal.nde.state.ne.us>

ARRA Section 1512 Reporting for the quarter ending on March 31 is open now and will remain open for submissions through April 5, 2010. Every sub-recipient must complete the reporting requirements, even if there has not been any payment(s) received or new jobs saved/retained. Failure to comply with this reporting requirement will put the sub-recipients out of compliance and jeopardize receipt of all federal funds until the next reporting period. The Department has developed Frequently Asked Questions located at: <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/ARRA/PDF/ARRA%20JobsAccountabilityActQA.pdf>

Reminder: The amount of ARRA funds that has been paid, from all ARRA grants, is posted on Nebraska's ARRA website at: <http://www.recovery.nebraska.gov/>. This will be updated following each quarterly report. Districts/ESUs/agencies should submit reimbursement requests to claim payments when the ARRA funds have been spent. If these reports do not show the funds being used, it gives the impression to the public that the funds are not needed.

Perkins Intent to Participate and Programs of Study

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The Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 provides federal support for Career and Technical Education. Annually, a school district must identify an intent to participate in the funding of Perkins; certify the existence of essential components in the district; and identify the programs of study (POS) planned to be offered at the participating school district for the upcoming 2010-2011 school year. The online resource to complete this task is now available through the NDE portal, under the data collections tab, entitled Perkins IV Career and Technical Education.

All public school districts must determine participation intent. The deadline goal for identifying intent to participate and Programs of Study is April 22, 2010. Resources are available at <http://www.education.ne.gov/nce/ProgramsStudy.htm>.