ARRA Grant Recipients
Contact: Ron Mowrey 402-471-2396 or ron.mowrey@nebraska.gov

Central Contractor Registration (CCR) information must be updated at least once a year and is a requirement for receiving American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds and reporting for Section 1512 of ARRA. Please check your registration to ensure that it has not expired or will not expire this year. You may check the status of your registration at https://www.bpn.gov/ccr/default.aspx

ESEA Allocations for 2010-11

REAP
Contact: Roger Reikofski at 402-471-2968 or roger.reikofski@nebraska.gov

The REAP Small Rural Schools Achievement (SRSA) grant allocations for 2010-11 are not yet available. When they are determined, you will receive a notice from the US Department of Education and the amounts will be posted on the REAP website at: http://www2.ed.gov/programs/reapsrsa/awards.html. For budgeting purposes, the amount of funds available nationally was the same as for 2009-10

ESEA Formula Programs
The pdf files of district allocations for Title I, Part A and Title I, Part D through Title III are posted at: http://www.nde.state.ne.us/federalprograms/index.htm

ESEA (NCLB) and ARRA Title I 2009-10 Application Close-out

Carryover Limitations and Waivers
Federal Guidance requires that the Title I carryover limitation be applied to the total of regular and ARRA Title I funds received for the 2009-10 school year. An enhancement in the grants management system for the NCLB Title I closeout of 2009-10 (NCLB Title I Final Reimbursement Request) will automatically calculate the carryover limitation and will produce an error if that limitation has been exceeded without the proper waiver on file. However, districts and ESU have the opportunity to request a waiver to carry over excess funds on the same page of the Final Reimbursement Request. NDE has received a waiver allowing every district to exceed the carryover limitation due to ARRA for 2009-10 and/or 2010-11. Because ARRA ESEA Title I unspent funds will be calculated into the Title I Final Reimbursement Request, NDE recommends that the ARRA ESEA Title I Reimbursement Requests are kept current.

The Enhanced Title I, Part A Final Reimbursement Request (Closeout) for the 2010 NCLB application is not complete. Please do not submit a 2010 Final Reimbursement Request for Title I, Part A until further notice. Keep checking the portal for further updates on the availability of the Title I, Part A Final Reimbursement Request (Closeout) for the 2010 NCLB application. For those of you that have already submitted, you will be contacted if changes are needed. NDE appreciates your patience and understanding as we implement this new feature.

NEW Report for 2010-11

Excessive Absenteeism
LB 800, passed by the legislature last year, requires all public districts and non-public school systems to submit a monthly report on the number of students with excessive absenteeism, suspensions, expulsions, and contacts with law enforcement officers. This data will be collected through the Consolidated Data Collection. We anticipate opening this data collection in September with the first report being due by October 15, 2010. Please watch the bulletins for further information.
Nebraska State Accountability (NeSA)

NeSA Roster Verification Reports
Contact: Statewide Assessment Office (402-471-2495 or nde.stateassessment@nebraska.gov) or NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

Two NSSRS verification reports are available to districts to ensure correct demographic information has been provided to NSSRS. The “NeSA-Writing Roster Review” verification report reflects the final list of students having NeSA-Writing results and the “NeSA-Reading Roster Review” verification report reflects preliminary list of students having NeSA-Reading results. **Demographic corrections are accomplished by submitting an updated NSSRS “Student” template during the NSSRS 2009-2010 Year-end Correction window that closes August 13, 2010.**

NeSA Release
The initial EMBARGOED NeSA- Reading results will be available **August 16th** with public release on **August 25th**. We will only be releasing state, district, and building scale scores, along with proficiency levels and not any of the disaggregated data; therefore, you are NOT to prepare your district message about disaggregated data, nor are you to release or discuss disaggregated data with the media. They will receive none of that until October 1st when disaggregated data are released in the State of the Schools Report. As you will remember, the disaggregated data are in the process of being reconciled with the demographic changes that you are currently making in the NSSRS. These changes may be made until August 13th. Districts will receive two paper copies of Individual Student Reports on the 16th, and are responsible for sending one copy home. These reports cannot be sent home until after August 25th when the NeSA scores are made public.