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# ITCA MEMBER CALL ON THE ARRA

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# PRINCIPLES

- ③ Spend funds quickly to save and create jobs;
- ③ Improve student achievement through school improvement and reform;
- ③ Ensure transparency, reporting and accountability; and
- ③ Invest one-time ARRA funds thoughtfully to minimize the “funding cliff”.



# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- ⊙ How will Part C ARRA funds be used in your state?
- ⊙ When will you begin releasing/spending the Part C ARRA funds?
- ⊙ Will Part C be able to access any Stabilization funds in your state?
- ⊙ What are you planning regarding reporting on the use of these funds?
- ⊙ Is your state applying for the Birth to Kindergarten option?
- ⊙ What support can ITCA provide to members as we proceed with implementation of the ARRA?



# WHAT WE KNOW

- ⊙ Timing and Eligibility
  - ⊙ 50% of funds available April 1. Award Letters have been sent.
  - ⊙ Funds are in addition to FFY 09 Part C funding and together constitute a state's FFY'09 award.
  - ⊙ ARRA allocations are considered as FFY '09 funds but costs are allowable as of February 17, 2009.
  - ⊙ Funds must be obligated by September 30, 2011.
  - ⊙ Funds must be liquidated by December 31, 2011.



# WHAT WE KNOW

- ① Remaining 50% of ARRA funds will be released by September 30, 2009.
- ① To receive the remaining funds, states will be required to submit (and have approved) information addressing how the state will meet accountability and reporting ARRA requirements
- ① Guidelines for recordkeeping and reporting will be issued in several weeks



# WHAT WE KNOW

- ◎ Indirect Costs
  - ◎ Indirect Costs for ARRA are to be handled in the same manner as regular Part C funds.
  - ◎ If a state indicated in its FY08 application that it would not charge indirect costs, DOE assumes that indirect costs will not be charged to the ARRA funds.
  - ◎ Grantees need to closely monitor the potential impact of the ARRA on indirect cost recovery.



# WHAT WE KNOW

- ◎ Waivers and Authorized Uses of ARRA Funds
  - ◎ Part C ARRA funds may be used for any allowable purpose under Part C of the IDEA, including the direct provision of early intervention services to infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families, and implementing a statewide, comprehensive, coordinated, multidisciplinary, interagency system to provide early intervention services.
  - ◎ There is no waiver for MOE requirements (303.124) regarding supplement not supplant for Part C.
    - ◎ States must ensure that the total amount of state and local expenditures on early intervention budgeted are at least the amount of such funds expended in prior fiscal year.



# WHAT WE KNOW

- Stabilization funds could be available to support Part C system through:
  - The Education Stabilization Fund (81.8%) through an LEA; or
  - The Government Services Fund (18.2%) through the Governor's office.
- Stabilization funds could be used for any budget shortfall and treated as non-federal funds with USDOE approval of MOE waiver.
- All provisions of EDGAR and GEPA apply.



# WHAT WE KNOW

- ◎ Waivers and Authorized Uses of ARRA Funds
  - ◎ Funds can be used for construction with prior approval from DOE.
    - ◎ Must be in compliance with ARRA Section 1605 and 1606
    - ◎ OMB Circular A-87
  - ◎ Funds can be used to purchase equipment with prior approval of DOE.



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# WHAT WE KNOW

- ⊙ Transparency, Accountability and Reporting
  - ⊙ ARRA Funds must be tracked separately.
  - ⊙ Accurate documentation of all expenditures must be maintained at the recipient and sub-recipient levels.
  - ⊙ States must submit quarterly reports containing the information required under section 1512(c) of the ARRA.
  - ⊙ Recovery Act Accountability and Transparency Board established for oversight of ARRA and OIG will conduct audits.



# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- © What are you planning regarding tracking and reporting on the use of these funds?



# WHAT WE KNOW

- ◎ Part C Incentive Grants
  - ◎ Policies and procedures must be submitted with the FY 09 Application due May 18, 2009.
  - ◎ DOE will work with states regarding the 60 day public comment requirement.
  - ◎ No state will receive more than 20% of the set aside.
  - ◎ Any remaining funds will be reallocated proportionately on July 1, 2009.



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