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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

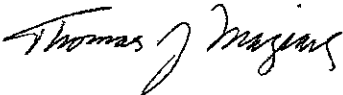


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TO: Regional Planning Organization (RPO) Directors

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SUBJECT: American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) Funds

This is a follow-up to Commissioner Joseph F. Marie's March 12, 2010 letter concerning ARRA funds. The Department of Transportation (Department) would like to remind each RPO of its responsibilities concerning programming a project to use any potential unexpended ARRA funds made available to the Region after bids have been opened.

The following options are available to the RPO:

- To allocate additional funds for approved change orders on existing ARRA funded projects not associated with a change in project scope
- To re-obligate funds to an existing ARRA project within the Region that is not yet fully funded due to an overbid without reducing the town's contribution (supplanting)
- To possibly build a previously unaffordable bid alternate as a change order that the town was not able to fund at award
- To re-obligate funds to supplement a 2010 Urban program project not yet obligated that can meet the September 15, 2010 deadline
- To re-obligate funds to supplement a project on the State system within the region that can meet the September 15, 2010 deadline
- To re-obligate funds to a new ARRA project that can meet the September 15, 2010 deadline

Please note that if the Region selects to re-obligate the funds on a NEW ARRA project, the Department would require plans, specifications and estimates from the selected municipalities immediately in order to process this new project under Title 23. In addition, this new project must utilize all remaining dollars assigned to the Region; therefore, the selected project must be estimated at above the amount the Region is expecting, with the town willing to pay the difference. The State will investigate available state projects per Region as potential candidates to re-obligate ARRA funds.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Rabih Barakat, Transportation Project Engineer, at (860)-594-2707. Your cooperation is appreciated.