I. Reporting

<u>Weekly Submissions.</u> Campuses are now submitting information on proposals, preliminary notices of award (Just in Time budget/info. submissions to NIH) and new awards. This information is for internal UNC-GA purposes only until further guidance is provided from the NC Recovery Office regarding State-level reporting. Information on ARRA-related proposals, preliminary notices of award or actual awards should be submitted to Sarah Smith, with a copy to Courtney Thornton, on a weekly basis by 12:00 p.m. on Thursday. The submission time coincides with the time frame for submitting materials to be discussed at the UNC-GA Council meeting on Monday mornings.

<u>Financial Account System Identifiers.</u> Campuses should take steps immediately to establish a field within their financial accounting systems to serve as a unique identifier of contract and grant accounts associated with ARRA funds. It is anticipated that State-level financial reporting will be required and adding a unique identifier now should make reporting less burdensome.

CFDA Numbers in SPARC Database. The SPARC database does not include new Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) numbers associated with ARRA funding opportunities and awards. The CFDA website is being updated. Once re-launched at the end of this month the site will incorporate the new CFDA numbers. The SPARC database table for CFDA numbers will be updated as soon as the federal site is re-launched. In the interim, for those campuses still using the SPARC database, please continue to enter your proposal and award information into the SPARC database and utilize the economic stimulus check boxes on the first proposal entry screen and the award action screen. UNC-GA will notify users when they can enter the new CFDA#s. http://www.cfda.gov/

II. Stimulus Resources

<u>NCSU Efforts.</u> NCSU has created a Stimulus Rapid Response Team (SRRT) to maximize ARRA opportunities and leverage NCSU's capabilities and expertise in the science and technology arena. They have launched a website "NC State's Response to the Recovery Act of 2009." The site includes links to agencies and synopses of ARRA funding opportunities. Go to: http://www.ncsu.edu/stimulus/

<u>Grants.Gov.</u> The anticipated influx of ARRA-related proposals may impact Grants.gov system performance and availability. If you experience any notable system degradation or difficulties during the application process using Grants.gov, please notify Sarah Smith. Such information is of interest to the UNC-GA Federal Relations staff, who would have occasion to discuss the need for a redesigned or otherwise enhanced system with our Congressional delegation.

<u>FedConnect.</u> For some announcements posted to Grants.gov the RFP/full application may not yet be available. Thanks to Carol Ashcraft at NCSU for pointing out the FedConnect portal may also list the funding opportunity with the application guidelines. Click on "search for public opportunities" and search for the solicitation number using the reference number field. You may find the application package you're looking for. https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/

III. Agency Activity

NSF Director, Dr. Arden L. Bement, Jr., addresses agency employees on implementation of ARRA. http://www.nsf.gov/news/news_summ.jsp?cntn_id=114483&org=NSF&from=news

NIH announces administrative supplements to existing grants and \$21M for educational opportunities in NIH-funded laboratories for students and science educators. http://www.nih.gov/news/health/mar2009/od-24.htm

Department of Energy Inspector General releases "Special Report on The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act at the Department of Energy" http://www.recovery.gov/sites/default/files/OAS-RA-09-01-New508-G.pdf

General Accounting Office releases special report "GOA's Role in Helping to Ensure Accountability and Transparency for Science Funding" http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d09515t.pdf

Agency Weekly Updates: Federal agencies have established their own Recovery Act web pages and submit weekly reports. These reports contain information on funding, major actions taken so far, and those actions planned for the near-term. Use the agency links to learn more about how the different agencies and departments are spending the funds allocated to them by the ARRA. More pages will come online -- with much more information -- in the weeks and months ahead, so check back often for updates. http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/agency-weekly-reports.