

Economic Recovery Program Questions

1. How were the additional projects to be funded with ARRA funds resourced?
 - Did your state dedicate additional resources (staff, OT, out-sourcing) to the design function?
 - Did your state have projects already designed – i.e., ready-to-go or “on the shelf”?
 - Did the types of projects selected minimize the required engineering (element-specific contracts, 1R, etc.)?
 - Have any projects been minimally designed, with final design to be completed during the construction phase?
2. Any changes/improvements in the design approval process?
3. Any changes/improvements in the PS&E submission/contact preparation process?
Any innovative/non-traditional contract formats utilized?
4. Any new use of technology, particularly in the delivery of design and contract documents?
5. How was public involvement/awareness handled?
6. How was your long-term core program affected by the focus on the short-term ARRA delivery time frames?
7. Any special accommodations to satisfy NEPA (e.g., any control agency agreements, resources provided to others, etc.)?