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TO: Senator Carol Williams, Chair
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Subcommittee
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FROM: Keith Kelly *By Pam Bucy*
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RE: Request for written reports

The Department of Labor has provided a written report on expenditures and utilization of unemployment compensation, workforce investment act, employment services and community service employment for older Americans programs that were funded in full or in part under ARRA. Please let us know if we can provide any additional information. Thanks.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Subcommittee Written Report - prepared by the Department of Labor and Industry

Unemployment Insurance

The 61st Montana Legislature appropriated the following unemployment administrative funds thru HB645:

| Name of UI Program | Biennial Appropriation | Expenditures thru 12/31/2009 |
|--|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Extend Emergency Unemployment Compensation Program | \$ 1,968,103.00 | \$ 100,836.00 |
| Temporary Extension of TAA | \$ 186,827.00 | |
| Increase in Unemployment Compensation Program | \$ 190,628.00 | \$ 38,136.00 |
| Special Transfer for Unemployment Modernization | \$ 495,019.00 | |
| Special Transfer in Federal FY 2009 for Administration | \$ 1,394,696.00 | |
| Total | \$ 4,235,273.00 | \$ 138,972.00 |

Extend Emergency Unemployment Compensation Administration - Unemployment Insurance has received and expended \$100,836 in administrative dollars as of 12/31/2009.

Temporary Extension of TAA Administration - ARRA authorized the extension of TAA but did not appropriate any money. This Appropriation will not be utilized.

Increase in Unemployment Compensation Program (Federal Additional Compensation FAC) - Unemployment Insurance Division has received and expended \$38,136 in administration related to the Federal Additional Compensation Program.

Special Transfer for Unemployment Modernization – Unemployment Insurance Division received a total of \$19.5 million for modernization of which \$495,019 was appropriated for administration. The award is currently only being utilized for benefits.

Special Transfer for Administration – Unemployment Insurance Division has received all of these funds. They are currently housed in the UI trust fund and have not yet been utilized.

The following funds have been expended as a part of Unemployment Insurance ARRA benefits but were not required to be appropriated in HB645 as they are proprietary and non-appropriated:

| UI Benefit Program | Program Description | Expended thru 12/31/2009 |
|---------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| UI Benefits EB | Extended Benefits (EB) EB is triggered when the state reaches 5% Insured Unemployment Rate (IUR) and 120% of the IUR during the same 13 week period in the past two years. The maximum number of weeks available is 13. | \$1,830,803.00 |
| UI Benefits EUC | Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC). EUC is paid following exhaustion of regular benefits. This emergency compensation ends when an individual is eligible to file a new claim. | \$54,180,610.00 |
| UI Benefits FAC | Federal Additional Compensation (FAC) FAC is payable on all claims filed on or before 02/27/2010 and no payments can be made after benefit week of 09/04/2010. FAC pays an additional \$25 for each week entitlement to any UI payment. | \$24,165,700.00 |
| UI Benefits Modernization | Benefits Modernization implements an alternate base period for individuals who fail to qualify using the standard base period. Modernization allows payment of benefits to individuals seeking part time work if majority of base period wages earned in part time work. | \$ 1,144,085.00 |
| TOTAL | | \$ 81,321,198.00 |

Workforce Services – Wagner-Peyser – Employment and Reemployment Services

The 61st Montana Legislature appropriated the following ARRA Wagner-Peyser Employment Service funds thru HB645:

| Wagner-Peyser Programs | HB645 Approp | Federal Award | Spent thru 12/31/2009 |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Employment Services | \$1,104,669.00 | \$1,099,117.00 | \$141,727.00 |
| Reemployment Services to Benefit UI Claimants | \$1,841,114.00 | \$1,831,862.00 | \$159,114.00 |
| TOTAL | \$2,945,783.00 | \$2,930,979.00 | \$300,841.00 |

The original appropriation was slightly over estimated. The second column indicates the actual federal award.

Wagner Peyser ARRA funds are being used for a variety of intensive employment services including job search and placement services for job seekers, appropriate services for employers, assessment of skill levels, abilities and aptitudes, career guidance when appropriate, job search workshops, and referral to employers. The Reemployment Services ARRA

funds are used for job search and other employment-related core assistance services to UI claimants allowable under the Wagner-Peyser Act.

Workforce Services – Workforce Investment Act – Adult, Youth and Dislocated Worker

The 61st Montana Legislature appropriated the following ARRA Workforce Investment Act funds thru HB645:

| Workforce Investment Act | HB645 Approp | Federal Award | Spent thru 12/31/2009 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| WIA Youth | \$2,947,501.00 | \$ 2,918,025.00 | \$2,107,783.00 |
| WIA Dislocated Worker | \$1,728,006.00 | \$ 1,756,038.00 | \$1,110,441.00 |
| WIA Adult | \$1,246,876.00 | \$ 1,234,406.00 | \$ 814,197.00 |
| TOTAL | \$5,922,383.00 | \$ 5,908,469.00 | \$ 4,032,421.00 |

The original appropriations were slightly over and under estimated. The second column indicates the actual federal award.

The following table indicates participants by county by WIA category thru 12/31/2009:

| County | Adult | Dislocated Worker | Youth | TOTAL |
|---------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Beaverhead | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| Big Horn | 1 | 2 | 21 | 24 |
| Blaine | 1 | 1 | 16 | 18 |
| Broadwater | 2 | 3 | 1 | 6 |
| Carbon | 3 | 2 | 5 | 10 |
| Carter | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Cascade | 46 | 27 | 39 | 112 |
| Chouteau | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| Custer | 29 | 7 | 7 | 43 |
| Daniels | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Dawson | 5 | 1 | 17 | 23 |
| Deer Lodge | 5 | 5 | 16 | 26 |
| Fallon | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Fergus | 8 | 0 | 18 | 26 |
| Flathead | 28 | 37 | 34 | 99 |
| Gallatin | 24 | 26 | 39 | 89 |
| Garfield | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Glacier | 3 | 1 | 41 | 45 |
| Golden Valley | 3 | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| Granite | 0 | 1 | 7 | 8 |
| Hill | 18 | 3 | 41 | 62 |
| Jefferson | 5 | 12 | 4 | 21 |
| Judith Basin | 3 | 0 | 8 | 11 |
| Lake | 28 | 64 | 10 | 102 |
| Lewis & Clark | 45 | 38 | 49 | 132 |
| Liberty | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Lincoln | 7 | 47 | 14 | 68 |
| Madison | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| McCone | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Meagher | 0 | 0 | 6 | 6 |

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|--------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Mineral | 0 | 5 | 15 | 20 |
| Missoula | 14 | 35 | 45 | 94 |
| Musselshell | 4 | 0 | 13 | 17 |
| Park | 8 | 18 | 10 | 36 |
| Petroleum | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Phillips | 2 | 0 | 4 | 6 |
| Pondera | 0 | 0 | 8 | 8 |
| Powder River | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Powell | 3 | 7 | 3 | 13 |
| Prairie | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Ravalli | 8 | 20 | 33 | 61 |
| Richland | 13 | 3 | 9 | 25 |
| Roosevelt | 1 | 2 | 23 | 26 |
| Rosebud | 4 | 4 | 28 | 36 |
| Sanders | 14 | 14 | 0 | 28 |
| Sheridan | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| Silver Bow | 26 | 36 | 72 | 134 |
| Stillwater | 1 | 4 | 2 | 7 |
| Sweet Grass | 1 | 6 | 0 | 7 |
| Teton | 3 | 0 | 5 | 8 |
| Toole | 1 | 0 | 3 | 4 |
| Treasure | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Valley | 12 | 2 | 3 | 17 |
| Wheatland | 1 | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| Wibaux | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Yellowstone | 36 | 33 | 141 | 210 |
| TOTAL | 431 | 473 | 830 | 1734 |

WIA Youth - ARRA summer youth program wrapped up September 30, 2009. Montana continued ARRA grant funding so that service providers could continue to assist disconnected and disadvantaged older out-of-school youth ages 18-24 in attaining work readiness skills through work experience to obtain permanent employment.

The following table indicates the subrecipients for the WIA Youth Program:

| WIA Youth Subrecipient Name | Award Amount |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Butte HRDC | \$ 207,348.00 |
| Bozeman HRDC | \$ 180,534.00 |
| Career Training Institute | \$ 158,846.00 |
| Action E MT/I | \$ 126,664.00 |
| Action E MT/II | \$ 89,777.00 |
| Action E MT/III | \$ 117,171.00 |
| Havre HRDC | \$ 132,115.00 |
| Opportunities Inc | \$ 300,120.00 |
| Lewistown HRDC | \$ 88,809.00 |
| Billings HRDC | \$ 387,408.00 |
| Kalispell HRDC | \$ 307,204.00 |
| Missoula HRDC | \$ 300,982.00 |
| TOTAL | \$2,396,978.00 |

WIA Adult – WIA Adult funds are used to assist disadvantaged adults obtain employment. As of 12/31/09 76% of Exited Participants have obtained employment.

The following table indicates the subrecipients for the WIA Adult Program:

| WIA Adult Subrecipient Name | Award Amount |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Miles CC | \$ 15,002.00 |
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| Havre HRDC | \$ 22,161.00 |
| Lewistown HRDC | \$ 58,535.00 |
| Billings YWCA | \$ 43,263.00 |
| Career Transitions - Belgrade | \$ 27,123.00 |
| NMHRC | \$ 79,965.00 |
| CTI | \$ 41,144.00 |
| Career Futures | \$ 25,482.00 |
| TOTAL | \$342,677.00 |

WIA Dislocated Worker – WIA Dislocated Worker funds are used to assist laid off workers with retraining & re-employment. As of 12/31/09 98% of Exited Participants have obtained employment.

Workforce Services – Community Service Program for Older Americans – SCSEP

The 61st Montana Legislature appropriated the following ARRA SCSEP funds thru HB645:

| Community Service for Older Americans | HB645 Approp | Federal Award | Spent thru 12/31/2009 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| SCSEP | \$ 147,000.00 | \$ 149,097.00 | \$ 38,588.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 147,000.00 | \$ 149,097.00 | \$ 38,588.00 |

ARRA SCSEP funds are used to foster and promote useful part-time work experience opportunities in community service activities to unemployed individuals with limited incomes and poor employment prospects who are 55 years of age or older.

| SCSEP Subrecipient Name | Award Amount |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| Experience Works | \$ 144,625.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 144,625.00 |