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Budget Director Outlines Federal Economic Stimulus Opportunities for Non-State Entities

February 27, 2009, Juneau, Alaska – Office of Management and Budget Director Karen Rehfeld today noted the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) directs federal agencies to distribute funds through hundreds of different programs. Procedures for distributing funds include formulas, block grants, competitive grant processes, and in many instances, Congress simply left funding decisions up to the heads of the federal agencies.

The State of Alaska will receive funds through certain formulas and block grants, such as federal highway funds. State agencies are working to identify programmatic and timing requirements and prepare recommendations for legislative consideration to receive and expend federal stimulus funds.

However, the ARRA puts billions of dollars up for award that will run directly to project applicants through competitive grant processes and the discretion of federal agencies. The state is not involved with these funding opportunities.

“To compete for the federal stimulus dollars that will go direct to project applicants, it is important for non-state entities to quickly review the bill for funding opportunities that fit a particular project,” Director Rehfeld said. “Then, contact the appropriate federal agency and/or monitor the Federal Economic Stimulus website Recovery.gov for procurement notices on how and where to apply for these funds. By working together, we can maximize the positive results and impact of ARRA on Alaska.”

The federal website www.recovery.gov contains key information related to the ARRA and provides links to other government websites and related information.

Additional information on the FY2009 federal economic stimulus package is available on the Alaska Office of Management & Budget website at <http://omb.alaska.gov/>

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