

Florida Department of Law Enforcement

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The Florida Department of Law Enforcement Office of Inspector General has worked closely with the members of the Office of Criminal Justice Grants. We served as a sounding board and in an advisory capacity in meeting the requirements of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Specifically,

- FDLE held weekly meetings among members of the Office of Finance and Accounting, Office of Criminal Justice Grants, Office of General Counsel, and Office of Inspector General to ensure communication and understanding of the 1512 requirements during the implementation of the ARRA.
- Obtained an understanding of the established process for sub awarding the grant.
- Attended meetings, conference calls and training held by the Florida Office of Economic Recovery and the Chief Inspector General.
- Reviewed the sub award documentation in the FDLE Grant System for the sub awards expended as of September 30, 2009 to ensure that all ARRA requirements were included in the agreement, and that payment made was in accordance with the sub award agreement.
- The Office of Inspector General performed data element quality review on the State JAG Recovery Act Funds Grant subject to the requirements of 1512 reporting. FDLE, through the Office of Criminal Justice Grants, received an award for \$81,537,096, on April 29, 2009, to be sub awarded to cities and counties throughout the State of Florida. The data quality review included:
 - Reviewed the static data reported by the Office of Criminal Justice Grants to the Florida Reporting System
 - Verified that the information on the Florida Reporting System was accurate as reported on the FDLE Grant System for a sample of sub awards. Several discrepancies were noted, specifically in the areas of congressional district numbers and zip codes.
 - Verified the reported information on the jobs created and/or retained.
 - Performed a cursory review of the data reported on the Federal Reporting System as compared to the data on the Florida Reporting System.