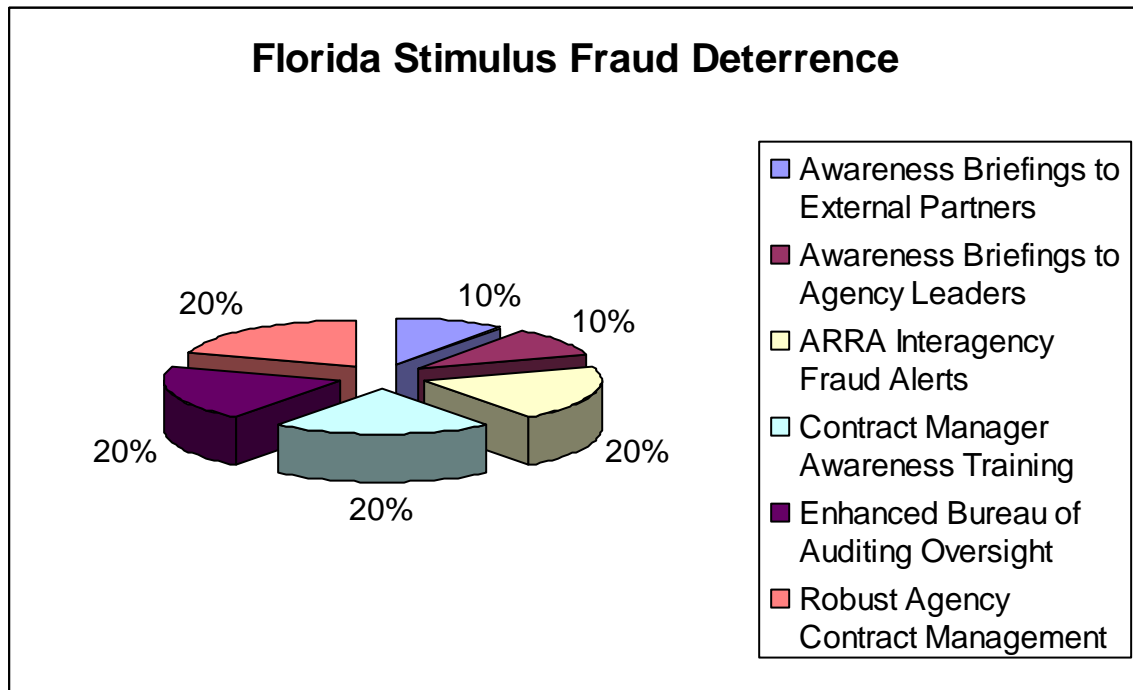


ARRA Fraud Deterrence Team

Purpose: Develop initiatives and identify best practices for deterring fraud of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds.

Scope: Focus on the below charted aspects of the fraud deterrence effort.



Objectives:

Increase fraud awareness in agency management, contracting staff and external partners in industry.

Disseminate information within the Inspector General community concerning possible ARRA related fraud activities or contractor violations.

Share fraud deterrence initiatives and efforts with counterparts in other states.

Identify fraud deterrent enhancements within the processes used in purchasing goods and services.

Action Steps:

Prepare a template fraud prevention presentation that agency inspectors general can customize for their audiences when conducting fraud awareness briefings to agency leaders, managers and external partners;

Develop an ARRA Interagency Alert Form for use by Inspectors General Office;

Collect examples of contractor violations to be shared with other agency inspectors general via an ARRA Interagency Alert. Training opportunities and other Stimulus related topics may also be the subject of an Interagency Alert;

Create ARRA fraud deterrence slides for inclusion in Agency Contract Managers' training course;

Collaborate with appropriate entities to ensure that agency contracting officers are properly instructed to review the Federal Excluded Parties List System (Section 287.133, Florida Statutes), prior to awarding contracts;

Post information on the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants web site alerting their members who complete single audit act assignments for recipients of Federal grants to be especially aware of the oversight and accountability provisions of the ARRA.

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