

ARRA ALERT

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INSPECTOR GENERAL

DATE: August 17, 2009

TO: Florida Inspectors General

FROM: Fraud Deterrence Workgroup

SUBJECT: ARRA Alerts – Notice of Fraud Alerts/Other Important Information

Florida's Inspectors General are responsible for the detection and prevention of fraud, waste and abuse in the operations of state agencies, which serve the people of Florida. This essential role not only protects the public coffers and insures that the State's limited resources are properly spent but, more importantly, we have a direct role in enhancing the public trust.

Partnerships and coordination among our respective Office of Inspectors General provides a positive, exponential impact on our ability to meet our responsibilities. The ARRA has provided an impetus for us to work even more closely to provide the oversight and transparency demanded by federal legislation and our own State's standards.

To this end, we have developed an alert notification form in order to communicate timely information, which will assist our efforts to deter fraud, not only related to ARRA funds but for other fraud-related topics.

Each Inspector General is asked to submit such information to Bob Clift, Chair of the Fraud Deterrence Workgroup. This may be done via telephone call, e-mail or other correspondence. It will be the Workgroup's responsibility to prepare the information for posting as a fraud alert.

We sincerely hope that you will avail yourselves of this opportunity to share important information and check the website regularly. Thank you for your continued efforts to protect the integrity of our State's valuable services.