



From the Desk of Lieutenant Governor Matthew Denn

Reviving Delaware

Stimulus Update

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There are several updates that I would like to share with you regarding stimulus dollars coming into Delaware and their impact here.

First, as the federal ARRA reporting web site (www.recovery.gov) has begun to post information regarding grants to entities in Delaware that do not report directly to state government, we have begun to get a broader picture of the impact of stimulus dollars on job creation and retention in Delaware. The primary piece of information provided by these new federal reports is that the vast majority of jobs created or retained by ARRA funds, outside of those reported by state entities, are jobs created or retained by institutions of higher learning and local governments. Because our initial review of these new federal reports suggests that there are some job numbers that will need to be revised in the future, we will wait until such revisions have occurred before relaying a specific number in this category.

Second, the state's ongoing review of its own job reporting numbers has caused some departments' job creation/retention estimates to be increased and others to be reduced. The most significant increase in job estimates has come in Department of Transportation jobs, where a further review of information submitted by contractors revealed that some contractors had underestimated jobs in trying to apply the formula prescribed by ARRA. The most significant decrease in job estimates has come in weatherization jobs, where jobs that had been created or retained through regular federal weatherization funds were mis-coded as jobs created by ARRA weatherization funds.

It is our belief that on balance, the changes described above will result in an increase in the number of jobs that can be reported as created or retained in Delaware through September 30th as a result of ARRA. However, because there remains some uncertainty regarding some of the reported numbers, we will wait to revise the estimate provided in my recent report to the Governor <http://recovery.delaware.gov/> until we can provide one with greater certainty.

Finally, Delaware was recently informed of several new competitive ARRA grants won by state agencies. The largest, for \$5,000,000, will go to the Department of Health & Social Services to upgrade its Women-Infants-Children (WIC) program information system, replacing a current system that is antiquated. A pair

of grants worth approximately \$370,000 in total will allow the Delaware State Housing Authority to make two of its low and moderate income housing developments more energy efficient. And the State Police will be receiving over \$1.5 million to improve security for the Port of Wilmington. With the new grant, the state can hire four additional troopers to be assigned specifically to port security and install special surveillance and detection equipment for the Port.

All the best,

Matt Denn
Lieutenant Governor