Reporting Issues: Responding to the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act



Overview of Transparency, Reporting, and ARRA Requirements

- ARRA requires additional transparency and accountability with fed funds
 - New data
 - New web site
- Responsibility to report lies with primary recipient (state agency in most cases)
- Legislative actions determine efforts to manage funds, provide reporting, and make data accessible

Ways to Move Toward Transparency

- Changes in data
- Changes in documents
 - Segmenting budget books for year-round reference
 - Non-General fund statements
- Changes in search tools
 - Revised Citizen Page on web site
 - Searchable database of state spending: TAP MN
- Changes to systems (data, data organization and tools impact)
 - New budget system
 - Proposal to replace MAPS

Systems Control Spending and Inform Decisions

Current Year Appropriation

Fund Balance/Forecast

MAIPS

Reporting Tools

Data Warrehouse

MAPS is the Source of State Financial Data

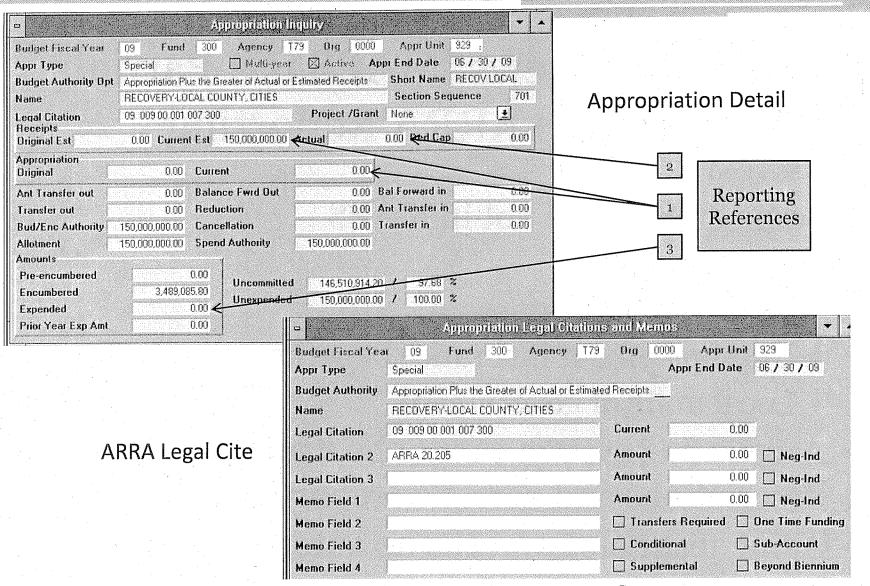
- Minnesota Accounting and Procurement System (MAPS) controls state funds and accounts for their uses
 - 4.5 million transaction each year
 - 267,000 different entities receiving payments
- Records of MAPS activity stored in the Information Access Warehouse
 - 1.1 billion rows of data
 - Source of budget information and most reports

Good News: MAPS is a Partial Solution to ARRA Reporting

- Provides necessary financial data
 - Up to date spending figures
 - Sub-Grant and activity types already in system
- MAPS is already used to manage all federal funding, not just ARRA
- Initial instructions issued for tracking economic stimulus spending

Not so Good News: MAPS is a Partial Solution to ARRA Reporting

- Some entities are not in MAPS
 - Met Council
 - University of Minnesota
 - Unemployment insurance benefits
 - Local units of government
- Accounting system cannot be manage descriptions and narrative reporting
- Aging technology means no automatic web reporting



MAPS - Appropriation Inquiry Screens

	Fiscal Year	Legal Citation	Appropriation/ Revenue/Both	Description	Citation Amount
	109	ARRA 10.551	.	SUPPL NUTRITION ASSIST	
•	09	ARRA 10.561		ADMN GRNT SUPPL NUTR ASST	
)	09	ARRA 10.558	8	EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE	
	09	ARRA 17.207		EMPLMNT SVS./WAGNER-PEYSEI	
,	0.9	ARRA 17.225	•	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	
;	09	ARFA 17.235		SENIOR COMM SVCS EMPLMINT	
•	09	AHRA 17.258	B	WORKFORCE INV ACT-ADULTS	
1	09	ARRA 17.253		WORKFORCE INV ACT-YOUTH	
)	0.9	AFIRA 17.260	3	WIA - DISLOCATED WORKERS	
0	0.9	AFRA 20.205	.	HIGHWAY PLNG & CONSTRUCTN	
1	09	ARRA 93.045	.	CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT	
2	Q9	ARFA 93.583		AGING-NUTRITION SERVICES	
3	0.9	AFRA 93.658	B. Carlotte	FOSTER CARE-TITLE IVE	
4	(19	ARRA 93.659	8	ADOPTION ASSISTANCE	
5	09	ARRA 93.778	B	MEDICAL ASSISTANCE	
6	09	E00501		EXECUTIVE ORDER 06.01	

"ARRA" + Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number

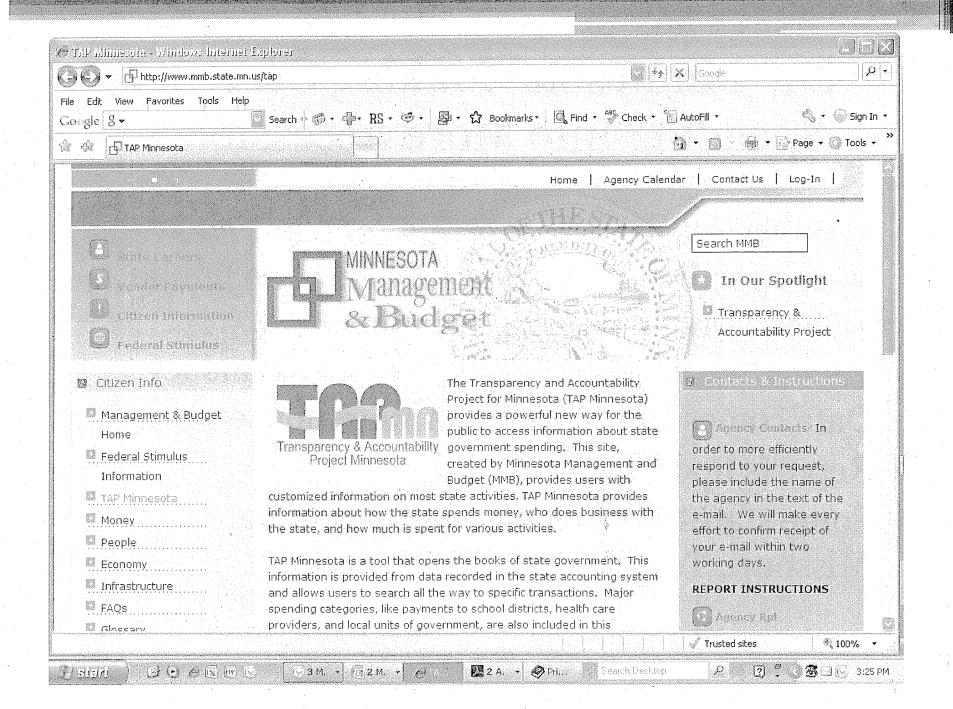
MAPS - Legal Citation Table

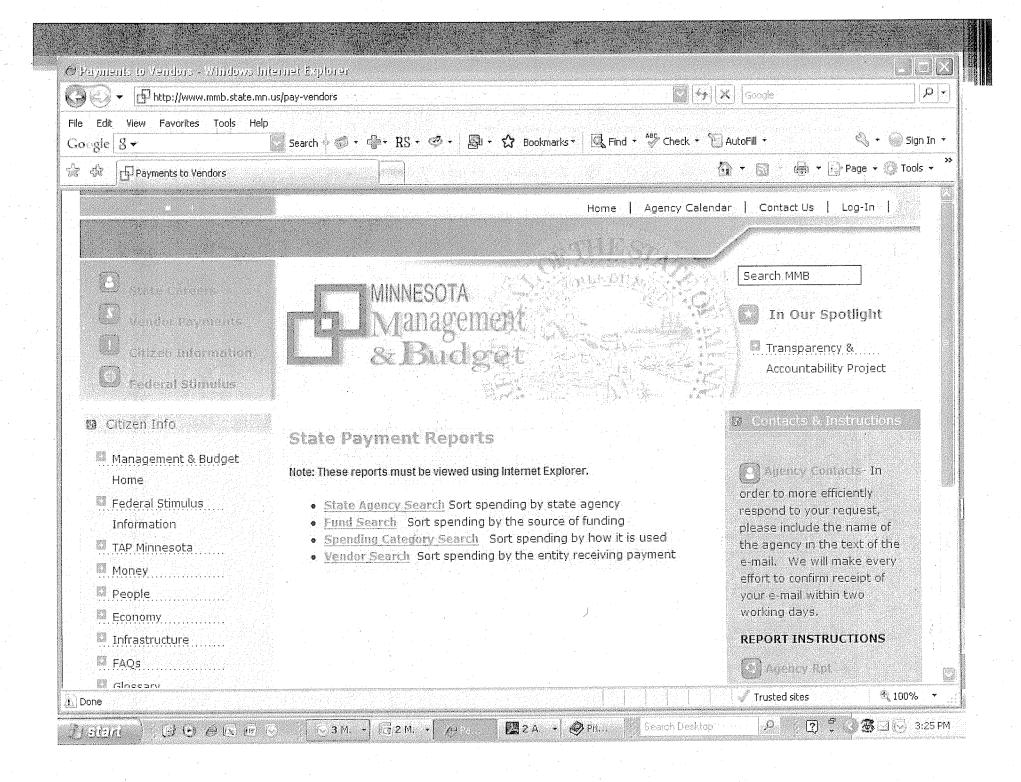
MINNESOTA MANAGEMENT & BUDGET AMERICAN RECOVERY & REINVESTMENT ACT Appropriation **Inquiry References** Appropriation Accounts by Agency and Secondary Legal Offation 75 of 4 18 2009 Award Est mated Anzid Eagroe T79 - TRANSPORTATION DEPT 4894 20 205 HIGHWAY PLNG & CONSTRUCTN 322,000,000 958 332,000,000 20,000,000 20:000:000 270 2009 959 RECOVERY-TR HIVY PROGIDELIV 150,000,000 320 RECOVERY-LOCAL COUNTY, CITIES 150,000,000 2009 929

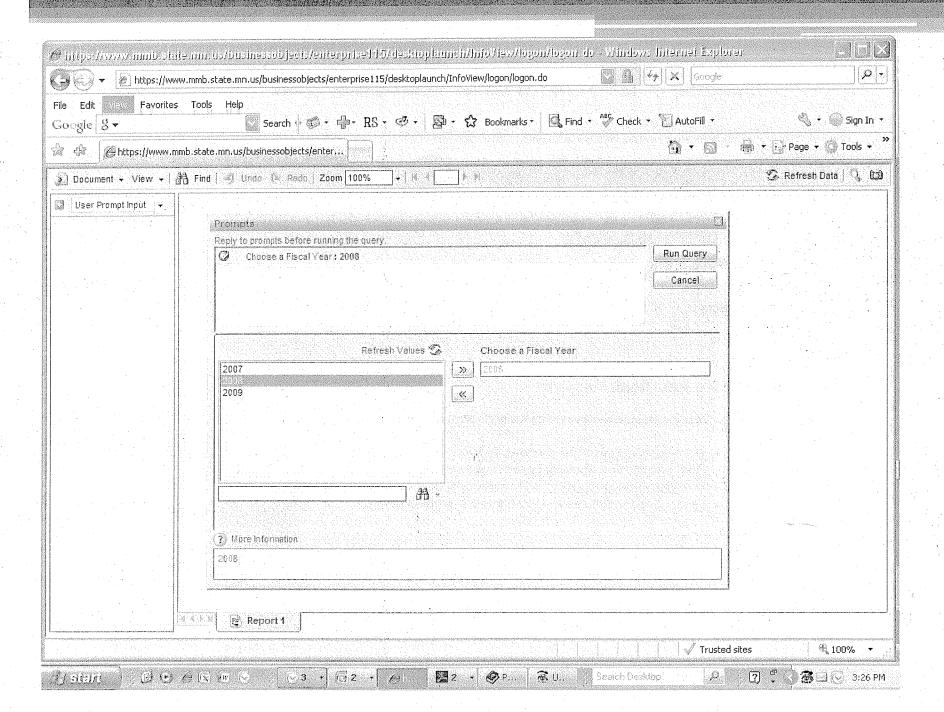
Statewide Report Example

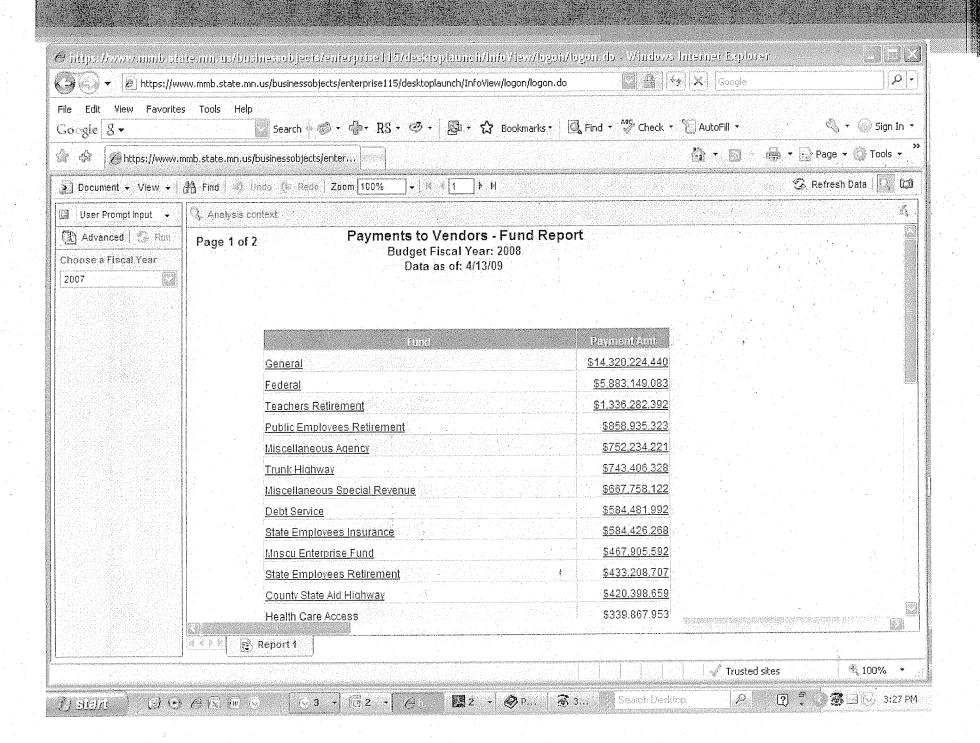
TAP Minnesota: Making Current Spending Info More Accessible

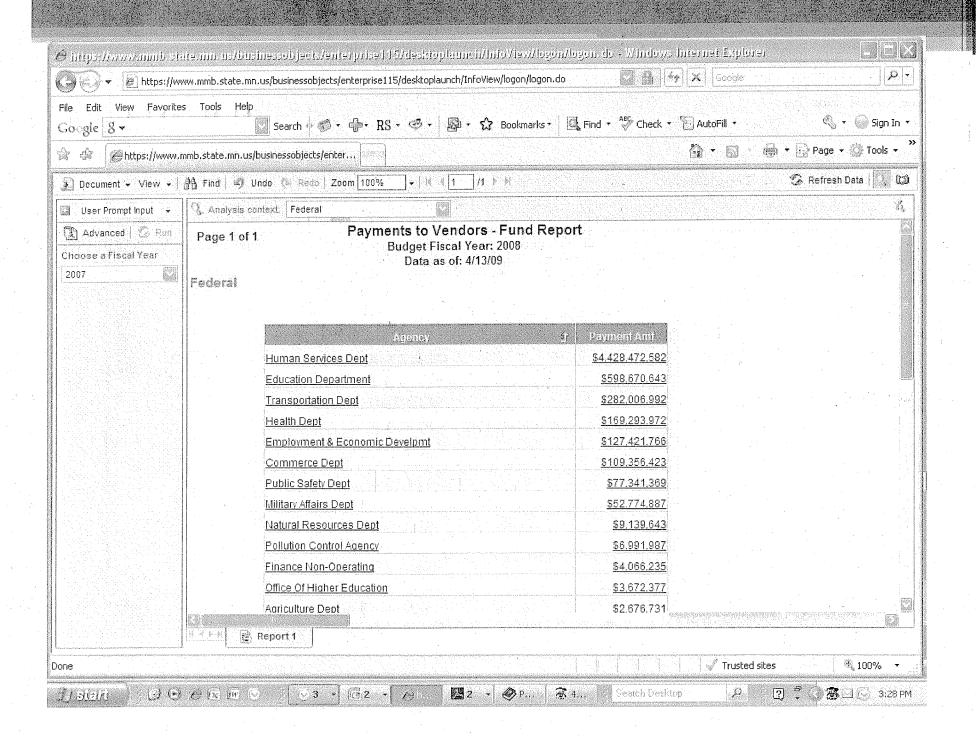
- Flexible web-based reporting tool that makes state spending directly available to the public
 - Shows who is receiving state funds
 - Identifies which activities received the money
- Data comes from MAPS/IA Warehouse
- Reports updated daily
- Some states have similar web sites (e.g. Missouri, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas)

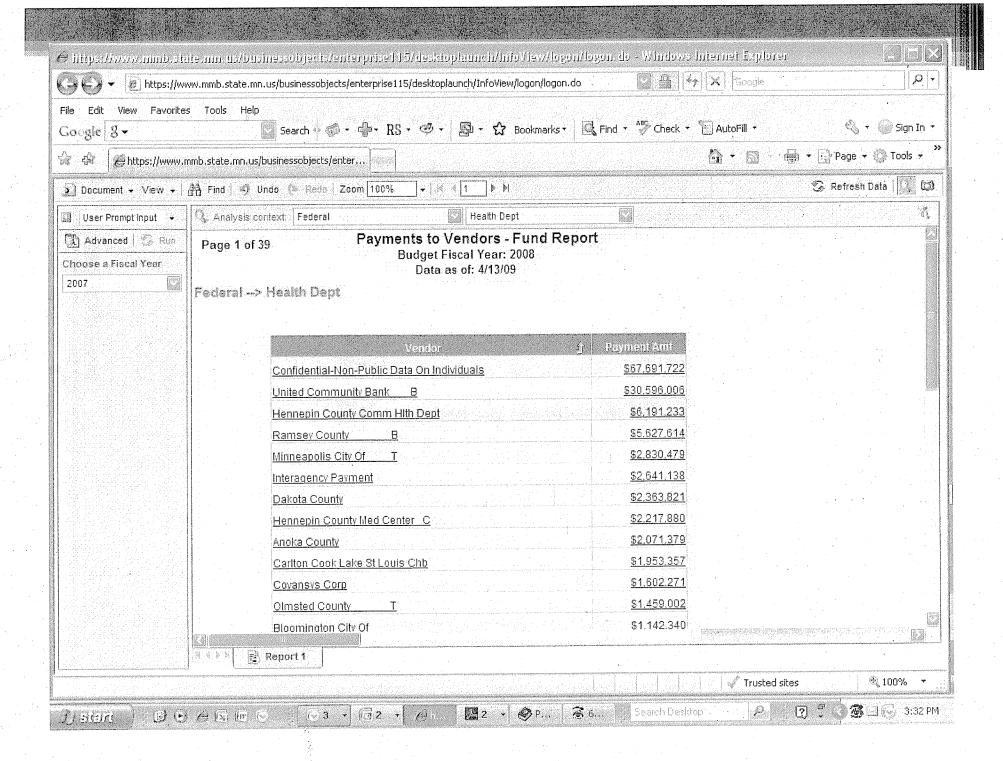


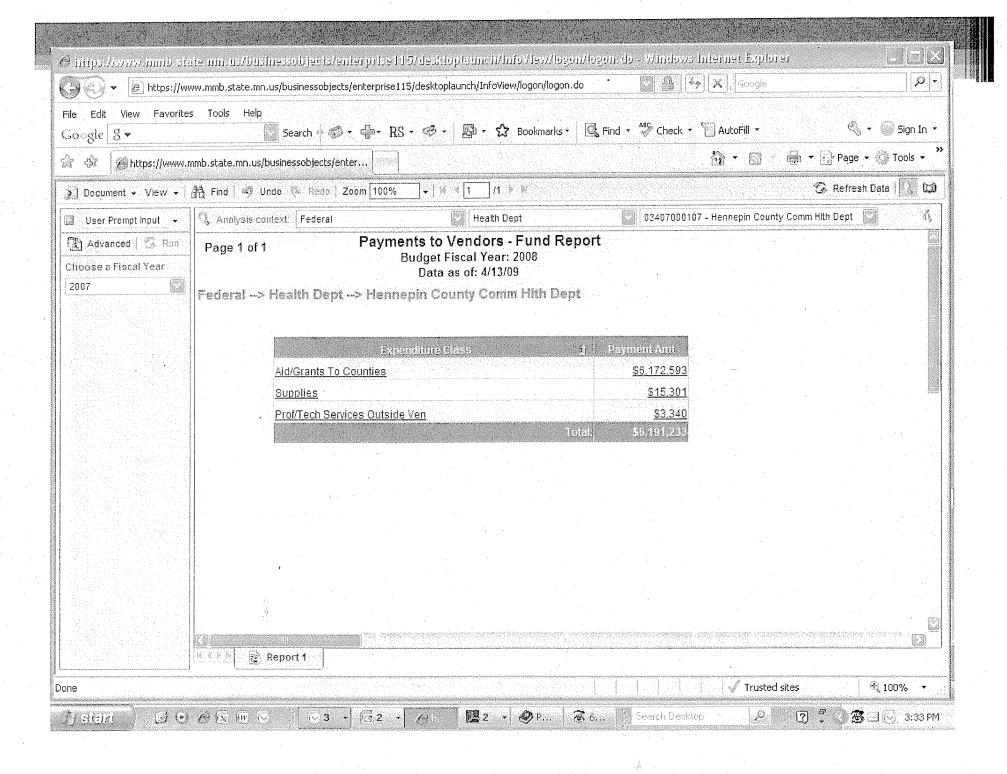


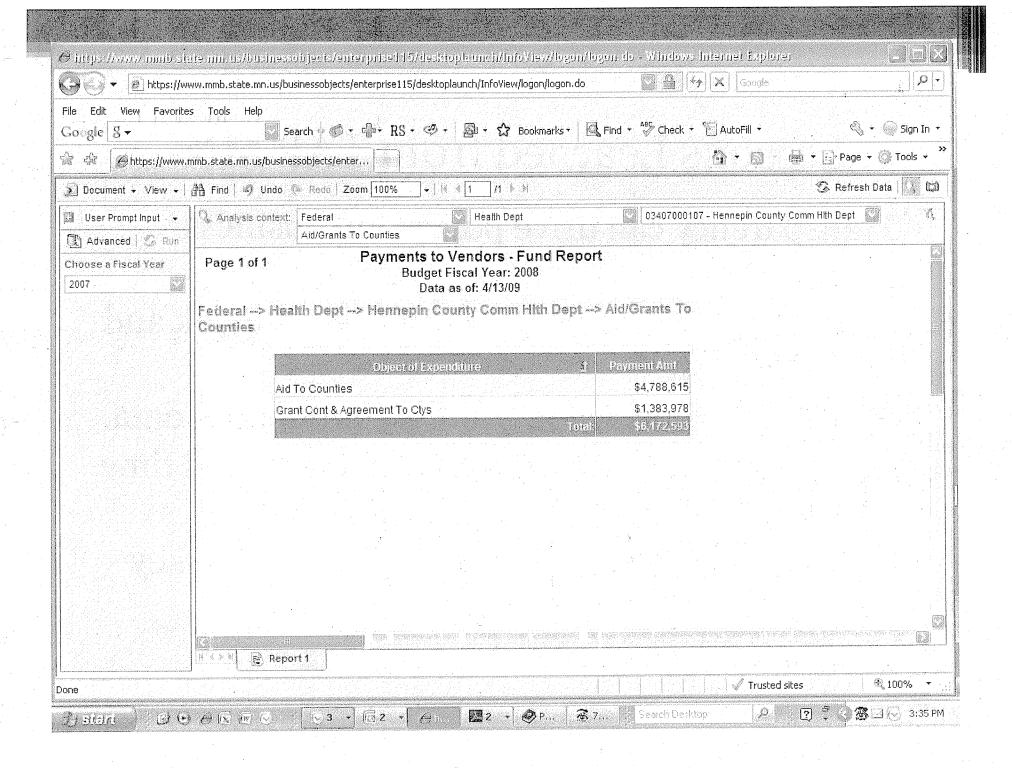












Lessons Learned from TAP MN

- Transparency can drive policy and business changes
- Start with the data that you have it's quick and provides value
- Allow plenty of time to protect confidential data
- Recognize that state agencies will need lead time to adapt to new reporting environment
- Accessibility, ease of use, visual lay-out are key components to user interest

Looking Ahead: ARRA Reporting

Primary Recipients (entity directly working with federal government) will be required to meet federal reporting requirements

- State of Minnesota
- Local units of government
- Non Profits and Other Entities
- Also have responsibility for oversight and reporting of the sub-recipients
- Unclear whether and how state costs might be billed back to feds

Looking Ahead: ARRA Reporting

All Primary Recipients must report quarterly:

- Amount received
- Amount expended
- Detailed list of all projects or activities funded
- Detailed information on any subcontracts or sub-grants awarded

OMB guidance expected in early May

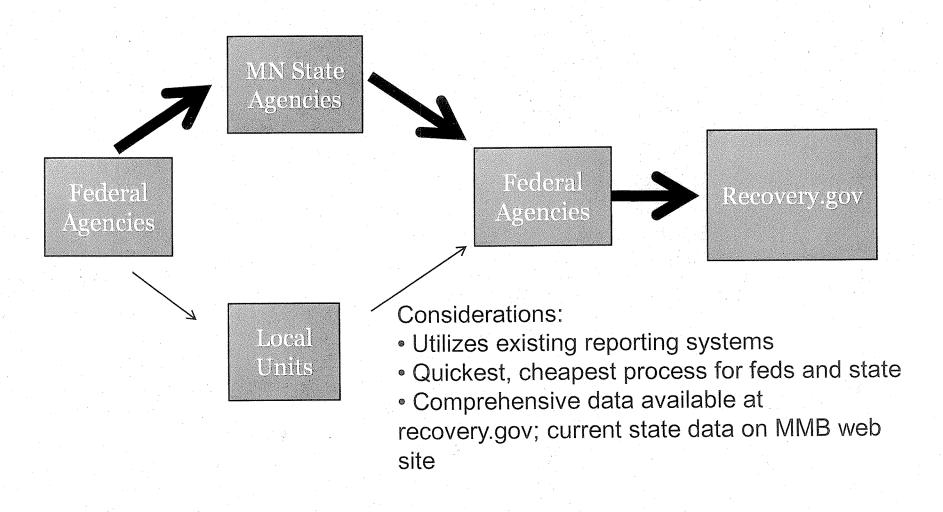
ARRA Responsibilities: What Works

- 1. Existing agency information systems can meet most reporting requirements (with few modifications)
- 2. No federal requirements for a new, centralized reporting system

ARRA Responsibilities: What's Left

- 1. Create desired state reporting and web access to make stimulus activity more transparent
- 2. Augment existing financial controls
- 3. Ensure overall quality, completeness and timeliness of state reporting data

Support Current Flow of Recovery Reporting



Minnesota Will Provide Easy Access to ARRA Activities

MMB Recovery Website MN State Agencies Web Sites

Recovery.Gov

State Summary – ARRA Funding

Data Expected to be on MMB Site

(Information from MAPS)

- ARRA Funds Received
 - State Agency
 - Federal Program
 - Amount of Award
- Awards to Subgrantees
 - Name
 - Location
 - Amount of Grant
- Amount Expended
 - Salaries, Supplies, etc.
 - Payments to Vendors
 - Reimbursement to Subgrantees

Recommendations for ARRA Reporting

- Expand and improve web accessibility
 - Grant, grantee, and activity information
 - Develop budget, amounts spent, and status info
 - Improve presentation and user tools
 - Links to federal and agency sites
- Augment existing capacity to keep state costs low and process faster
 - Focus MMB on financial controls, data quality,
 and state reporting
 - Utilize state agencies capacity for federal reporting

More Recomendations

- Ensure "one source of truth" when providing data to the public
 - Avoid unnecessary duplication and reconciliation
 - Focus Minnesota web site on additional information not available on recovery.gov
- Develop ARRA reporting with the intent of extending it to other activities of state government

American Recovery & Reinvestment Act

Resources:

www.recovery.gov

www.grants.gov

www.mmb.state.mn.us/recovery

