Illinois Department of Transportation

To:	REGIONAL ENGINEERS ATTN: LOCAL ROADS ENGINEERS
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Subject:	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Guidance for Local Projects
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The ARRA allotments to be distributed to the local agencies have been determined. Approximately $281 million of Illinois' economic stimulus funds for transportation improvements are to be allocated to local agencies:

- Nearly $203 million of this amount is to be sub-allocated to areas with populations over 200,000:

  - Chicago $175,253,358
  - Round Lake Beach $ 4,679,631
  - Rockford $ 6,111,395
  - Rock Island/Quad Cities $ 3,140,381
  - Peoria $ 5,586,123
  - East St. Louis/Metro-East $ 8,077,088

- Of the remaining $78 million, $45 million will be sub-allocated to urban areas with populations between 5,000 and 200,000. Please see the attached listing of urban allotments.

- The last $33 million will be sub-allocated to the ninety-six downstate Illinois counties based on non-urban population, non-urban area (square miles), and non-urban centerline mileage. Townships and municipalities with populations less than 5,000 can coordinate with the counties for use of this $33 million. Please see the attached listing of rural allotments.

In addition, Illinois is receiving approximately $28 million in stimulus funding for Enhancement projects to be used in the same manner as our Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) funds. These funds will be provided at an 80% federal/20% local match ratio; the local agency will be required to provide the 20% match utilizing local funds.

Except for the aforementioned Enhancement funds, all other economic stimulus funds will be provided at a 100% funding ratio; no local matching funds will be required. However, the local agency will not be allowed to exceed the dollar amount of its economic stimulus allotment. Therefore, if the total project costs exceed the economic stimulus allotment, the local agency will be required to utilize other funding sources (including their regular federal allotments) to accommodate any funding shortfall. Use of regular federal allotments in a stimulus project will still require the necessary local match.

Federal funds are not allowed to match other federal dollars. The Divisions of Costs in the joint funding agreements executed between IDOT and the local agency will need to have 'not-to-exceed' footnotes for the ARRA funds.

This allotment information has been sent to the affected local agencies via Circular Letter 2009-03. These local agencies have been requested to submit eligible stimulus projects to the districts by March 25, 2009. Please coordinate with your local agencies (including MPOs) as you would during a regular multi-year program development cycle to compile a stimulus program.

Your ARRA program must be entered in the Local Roads' mainframe and finalized by **Wednesday, April 15, 2009**. If your program is completed prior to this date, or if any revisions to the program are required after that date, please contact the central Local Planning and Programming Unit.

Each project that has not been previously published in the IDOT Multi-Year Highway Improvement Program will have to be amended to the current Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in order to meet public involvement policies for federal authorization:

- If a project is in a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) area, it must be included in that MPO's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

- For projects in non-MPO areas, the process requires the lead local agency to publish the project in a local publication (i.e., a newspaper) for a 15-day public comment period. If, after that time, there has been no negative feedback on the proposed project, please notify the central Local Planning and Programming Unit for coordination with FHWA to approve this project to be amended into the current STIP.

A separate database managed by the central Bureau of Local Roads and Streets will be utilized for tracking the ARRA allotments and balances. For stimulus funding and project tracking in the Local Roads' mainframe, we will be utilizing the 3-character federal fund code, 'ARA.'

Projects can be dually-funded with both ARRA and regular federal allotments. However, as stated above, federal funds cannot be used to match federal funds. In addition, to alleviate the administrative and tracking requirements associated with multiple federal fund types in a project, the amount of regular federal funding used to supplement a stimulus project must not be less than $20,000.

Even though the ARRA is intended to be accomplished within a limited timeframe, the same federal guidelines and procedures for the use of federal funds will be required. The FHWA will not implement any shortcuts for expediency throughout the various phases of the funded projects.

Highway construction projects utilizing stimulus funds will need to be located on federal-aid routes functionally classified as urban collectors, rural major collectors or higher. However, since ARRA funds are to be implemented using federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding guidelines, bridge projects and safety projects on any public road are eligible for the ARRA funds.

Due to the Illinois General Assembly still needing to approve the appropriation to utilize the ARRA funds, we anticipate that the earliest state letting for local ARRA projects will be the June 12, 2009 letting.

The funds sub-allocated to the local agencies must be federally obligated (authorized) within one year of apportionment by FHWA [This deadline is estimated to be March 2010.], or these funds will be redistributed to other states that can use the funds. Unlike previous draft stimulus proposals, these funds will not revert back to the host state (IDOT) for use on the state system; the funds will actually be lost to other states. Therefore, it is important to emphasize this to your local agencies and the fact that we need to accomplish our local ARRA program within the one-year timeline.

If you have any questions pertaining to this ARRA information, please contact Leigh Ann Lareau at (217) 785-5178.

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Attachments

ARRA
Municipal Allotments
Urban Areas with Populations of 5,000 to 200,000
($45,000,000)

Municipality	ARRA Allotment
Anna/Jonesburg	$211,402
Beardstown	$174,409
Benton/West City	$229,732
Bloomington-Normal Urbanized Area	$3,869,449
Canton	$462,428
Carbondale	$774,253
Carlinville	$183,150
Carmi	$164,004
Centralia/Central City/Wamac	$510,734
Champaign-Urbana Urbanized Area	$4,144,794
Charleston	$639,711
Chester	$253,416
Chillicothe	$181,366
Clinton	$226,405
Danville Urbanized Area	$1,617,531
Decatur Urbanized Area	$2,949,008
DeKalb-Sycamore Urbanized Area	$2,042,149
Dixon	$482,180
DuQuoin/St. Johns	$201,632
East Dubuque Urbanized Area	$88,354
Effingham	$374,589
Fairfield	$163,973
Flora	$153,840
Freeport	$799,842
Galesburg/East Galesburg	$1,044,910
Geneseo	$196,006
Genoa	$162,552
Greenville	$210,373
Harrisburg	$298,243
Herrin/Energy	$377,281
Hoopeston	$180,428
Jacksonville/South Jacksonville	$708,222
Jerseyville	$241,498
Kankakee Urbanized Area	$2,111,598
Kewanee	$391,527
LaSalle/Peru/Oglesby	$704,108
Lincoln	$464,878
Litchfield	$212,823
Macomb	$606,317

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Municipality	ARRA Allotment
Manteno	$246,398
Marion	$518,114
Mattoon	$553,262
Mendota	$219,962
Metropolis	$196,066
Monmouth	$297,669
Monticello	$155,413
Morris	$360,796
Mt. Carmel	$241,438
Mt. Vernon	$492,101
Murphysboro	$262,974
Olney	$261,069
Ottawa/Naplate	$569,566
Pana	$169,811
Paris	$274,559
Pinckneyville	$165,274
Plano	$323,440
Pontiac	$358,860
Princeton	$226,889
Quincy	$1,220,982
Rantoul	$390,741
Robinson	$206,350
Rochelle/Hillcrest	$320,082
Salem	$239,230
Sandwich	$196,883
South Beloit/Rockton Urbanized Area	$497,697
Spring Valley	$163,278
Springfield Urbanized Area	$4,729,212
Staunton	$152,146
Sterling/Rock Falls	$766,691
Streator/Kangley	$437,897
Taylorville	$345,641
Vandalia	$210,978
Watseka	$171,505
West Frankfort	$247,911

*Urban areas over 50,000 and under 200,000 population

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Rural Allotments
($32,829,834)

County	ARRA Allotment
Adams	$527,967
Alexander	$184,896
Bond	$250,116
Boone	$198,954
Brown	$188,402
Bureau	$505,392
Calhoun	$157,888
Carroll	$309,728
Cass	$212,157
Champaign	$597,211
Christian	$420,098
Clark	$349,298
Clay	$277,366
Clinton	$447,104
Coles	$307,906
Crawford	$291,891
Cumberland	$252,088
DeKalb	$314,054
DeWitt	$249,556
Douglas	$329,739
Edgar	$336,991
Edwards	$165,067
Effingham	$361,611
Fayette	$410,144
Ford	$319,891
Franklin	$352,969
Fulton	$488,725
Gallatin	$190,041
Greene	$323,927
Grundy	$333,347
Hamilton	$264,944
Hancock	$476,459
Hardin	$126,711
Henderson	$229,282
Henry	$497,682
Iroquois	$645,683
Jackson	$382,828
Jasper	$299,807
Jefferson	$413,197
Jersey	$251,285
JoDaviess	$375,743
Johnson	$237,059
Kankakee	$431,841

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County	ARRA Allotment
Kendall	$361,760
Knox	$436,490
LaSalle	$749,892
Lawrence	$284,790
Lee	$433,493
Livingston	$623,639
Logan	$368,344
McDonough	$341,947
McLean	$601,520
Macon	$328,230
Macoupin	$598,281
Madison	$373,639
Marion	$367,987
Marshall	$267,610
Mason	$337,681
Massac	$176,112
Menard	$229,883
Mercer	$354,259
Monroe	$179,789
Montgomery	$461,786
Morgan	$328,970
Moultrie	$262,058
Ogle	$574,019
Peoria	$379,741
Perry	$249,928
Piatt	$276,697
Pike	$452,500
Pope	$180,207
Pulaski	$157,081
Putnam	$137,702
Randolph	$405,449
Richland	$229,556
Rock Island	$259,117
St. Clair	$290,988
Saline	$286,154
Sangamon	$507,319
Schuyler	$243,160
Scott	$162,350
Shelby	$487,714
Stark	$184,642
Stephenson	$393,026
Tazewell	$386,397
Union	$246,915

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County	ARRA Allotment
Vermilion	$505,094
Wabash	$147,866
Warren	$299,940
Washington	$340,046
Wayne	$390,931
White	$300,757
Whiteside	$505,781
Williamson	$391,904
Winnebago	$234,870
Woodford	$466,776