General Managers FY 2010 Conference Call - Questions and Answers

Question: When will grantees hear about the results of the IPIA review held in September 2009?

Answer: All grantees who received an IPIA review in September should have already been notified by FTA of any findings and corrective actions required. If you are unsure of your review status, please contact Mr. Dudley Whyte at 404-865-5626 or dudley.whyte@dot.gov.”

Question: How should “Total Federal Amount of ARRA Expenditure” be reported? The person that asked the question was particularly concerned with the time delay between when invoices are received, and when the funds are drawn from the grant, where in some cases, invoices received near the end of a quarter are not drawn until the next quarter.

Answer: The “1512 Reporting Definitions & Examples” at [http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9440_10542.html] has the following guidance on expenditures: “FTA requires funds to be tracked on an accrual basis. Report the cumulative expenditures (i.e., the Federal share of outlays) that have been included in your quarterly financial Status Reports for your ARRA grants.”

Line J of the FFR reports accrued expenses, including invoices received within the quarter that may or may not have been drawn yet. Thus both the 1512 expenditure and line J of your FFR should report the same amount.