EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT

CUMULATIVE OVERALL FINANCIAL STATUS TO DATE

FUNDS SOURCE	PROGRAM	COMPETITIVE OPPORTUNITY	FORMULA EXPECTED	FUNDS APPLIED FOR	FUNDS AWARDED	FUNDS COMMITTED	FUNDS RECEIVED	FUNDS DISBURSED
FED	UI Modernization		85,574,640	85,574,640	85,574,640	1,011,390	1,011,390	1,011,390
FED	UI Modernization - Administrative		6,112,494		6,112,494			
FED	UI - Federal Additional Compensation					137,518,490	137,518,490	137,518,490
FED	UI - Extended Benefits					38,391,383	38,391,383	38,391,383
FED	Child Care Development Block Grant		22,510,534		22,510,534	20,154,588	20,154,588	20,154,588
FED	BES - Wagner-Peyser		4,898,310		4,898,310	802,722	802,722	802,722
FED	UI - Emergency Unemployment Compensation					345,019,582	345,019,582	345,019,582
FED	BES - Broadband Upgrade	347,036		347,036				
FED	Research - Green Jobs Labor Market Information	1,250,000		1,250,000				

ACTIONS TAKEN, MAJOR PROJECT UPDATES, AND OTHER MILESTONES

- Claimant Reemployment sessions continue to take place around the state, to assist claimants with iMatchSkills registration, skill review, and job search assistance. Highest participation rates seem to be in non-metro areas.
- Field staff continue to contact local employers receiving ARRA funds for various projects. Many are using existing crews or laid off workers, but the connections are being made with employers, should additional work and recruitment assistance be needed in the future.
- Transformative interviews – Notes from the field
  - *From lumber mills to new options..*

    On October 13th, 2009 I had the opportunity to conduct a one-on-one interview with a veteran 20 year logger who was quick to blame environmentalists for his job loss, but after dispelling that as the major contributing factor to his current dilemma by talking about the decline in the housing market, the shutdown of the mills, the logs decked in mills and lying on the forest floor with no good options for their sale or the lumber produced from them, the closure of lumber and hardware stores and the fact that the recovery of the logging industry will be slow and painful, he admitted that he was secretly hoping to pursue a new occupation. He told me the years of hard physical labor had taken their toll and he knew he couldn't continue for much longer and had been thinking about obtaining training in the alternative energy field, specifically as a wind turbine technician or in the medical industry as an x-ray technician. He is now in the process of attending classes in hopes of obtaining his GED and I let him know there may be some financial assistance for his continuance in education.

    He left feeling optimistic and hopeful about his future and armed with information about educational providers for both occupations.

  - *There and back again..*

    Claimant re-employment orientations took on an interesting twist in the Tillamook Field Office as staff interviewed 3 Tillamook County business owners they had previously served as employers. While it was somewhat disconcerting, the realization that our roles in their lives has so dramatically changed, the challenge of meeting their needs, both as job seekers and as employers in the future, made for interesting exit and

debrief interviews. Two of the business owners were interested in the Self Employment Assistance Program to either start a new business and/or try to rebuild their existing stagnant businesses. In attendance, a former business owner from the Portland Metro area also expressed interest in this program. All of the aforementioned had qualifying worker profiling scores and were provided the necessary forms and information to apply. When we sent them on their way, it was with our best wishes for success, hopeful that the next time we serve them, it will be again as successful business owners.

UPCOMING PLANNED ACTIONS, MAJOR PROJECTS, DEADLINES, AND GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

- Awaiting response on several grants that have been applied for:
  - Broadband for BES field office upgrade through Dept. of Commerce/NTIA – responded to inquiry regarding special construction
  - Green Jobs Labor Market Information through Dept. of Labor – should be awarded prior to December

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