

## NACo Recovery Act Reporting - Update

We want to begin by reminding everyone that early registration for [www.federalreporting.gov](http://www.federalreporting.gov) will begin on Monday, August 17. All counties that have received a funding award notification are subject to the October 10 reporting deadline even if the funds have not been expended. Regardless, NACo strongly encourages all counties anticipating the receipt of Recovery Act funds to register soon after the function becomes available. In addition to registration, the reporting system's Help Desk is also slated to be available on Aug. 17.

As the deadline to report approaches, here are several resources counties may utilize to help navigate the reporting process and its requirements:

Counties may refer to the FAQs on [www.recovery.gov/?q=content/recipient-reporting](http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/recipient-reporting) for questions answered by the White House Office of Management and Budget. An update to the FAQs is expected around August 14 and will include sample reports filled out by various agencies demonstrating model report submissions.

Counties can review the recording and presentations from NACo's July 16 Recovery Act Reporting Webinar at [www.naco.org/webinars](http://www.naco.org/webinars).

Counties can also review the recordings and presentations from the reporting webinar series hosted by OMB from July 20-23. Those can be found at [www.whitehouse.gov/recovery/webinartrainingmaterials](http://www.whitehouse.gov/recovery/webinartrainingmaterials).

NACo has tentatively scheduled an additional webinar for Thursday, September 17, 2009, 2:00pm Eastern time, to provide updated information to assist counties preparing to meet the reporting deadline. Registration and additional information will be out shortly.

Earlier today, the White House Office of Management and Budget briefed NACo on a plan to provide federal government liaisons strategically located around the country to provide assistance to states and local governments in the reporting process. We were told that there will be approximately 300-400 liaisons deployed among the state and local levels. These liaisons will be experienced federal employees, not necessarily reporting or Recovery Act experts, but knowledgeable in the federal process and with the ability to contact agencies directly with Recovery Act funding issues. The liaisons will be in place for a temporary period, approximately late September through mid-October.

To assist in this federal liaison process and OMB's subsequent outreach, if you have a designated Recovery Act individual for your county, please contact me with their information by replying to this e-mail or at 202/661-8840. Please provide us with this information even if you think you have already done so.

On August 13, the National Telecommunications Information Administration announced that the deadline for the initial round of applications for the Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP) and Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) is extended until 5PM Eastern Time on August 20, 2009. This is only for applications **PENDING** as of 5PM Eastern Time on August 14, 2009. There are no changes to the filing instructions for paper applications. For more information, visit [www.broadbandusa.gov](http://www.broadbandusa.gov).