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Updated Information Regarding the ARRA and its Impact on Research Operations

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Updated Implementing Guidance

On April 3, 2009 the OMB issued updated implementing guidance for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, providing further details to federal granting agencies and grantees on ARRA regulations. Huron professionals have prepared a [summary of the key sections](#) relevant to research operations.

Federal Register Notices Related to ARRA Reporting Requirements

The following two notices to the Federal Register are related to the reporting requirements for ARRA-funded awards:

1. March 31st Federal Register ([Vol. 74, No. 60, p. 14639-14646](#)) seeking comments by **June 1st** on the amended Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR).
2. April 1st Federal Register ([Vol. 74, No. 61, p. 14824-14829](#)) seeking comments by **May 1st** on the standard data elements to meet the ARRA reporting requirements.*

Huron professionals have prepared a [summary of the specific reporting requirements](#) for your reference.

*Note: On April 23rd, an updated Federal Register ([Vol. 74, No. 77, p. 18499-18463](#)) notice was issued providing additional details on the OMB's reporting requirements.

Implications of ARRA Requirements for Lawson Software Users

While the ARRA provides tremendous opportunities for research institutions, potential recipients should be prepared for the administrative challenges associated with managing ARRA-funded awards. Some of these reporting requirements can be supported by the organization's Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system. Huron professionals have prepared a white paper for Lawson users, titled [Implications of ARRA Requirements for Lawson Users](#). It includes ARRA grants management considerations specific to users of Lawson software along with recommended approaches and solutions to meet the statutory rules of ARRA.

Huron will issue a similar white paper for PeopleSoft Grants users within the next few weeks.

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