




**State of Georgia
Department of Administrative Services
State Purchasing Division**

Official Announcement # 03-10

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ATTENTION: Agency Procurement Officers
College/University Procurement Officers
Purchasing Card Program Administrators
Purchasing Card Program Coordinators
Facility Managers
Other Purchasing Officials

TOPIC: **Official Announcement #03-10 ARRA Purchasing Guidance**

DESCRIPTION: The Department of Administrative Services, State Purchasing Division, announces:
1) ARRA guidance now available on the State Purchasing web site; and
2) GPR enhancement for complying with ARRA Federal requirements

RESOURCES: Official Announcement #03-10 and the new Federal Stimulus (ARRA) guidance section are found on the State Purchasing Division web site at:
<http://doas.ga.gov/statelocal/spd/policies/pages/home.aspx>

Access to the GPR can be found on the State Purchasing Division web site at:
<http://doas.ga.gov/StateLocal/SPD/Pages/Home.aspx>

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The purpose of this communication is to announce:

1. Federal Stimulus (ARRA) guidance is now available on the State Purchasing web site at:
<http://doas.ga.gov/StateLocal/SPD/Policies/Pages/Home.aspx>.

This new section provides a link to the State Accounting Office web site where Purchasing Directives and other Federal Stimulus guidance can be found. The link to this page on the State Accounting web site is:
http://sao.georgia.gov/00/channel_createdate/0,2095,39779022_155187788_00.html.

The new section also contains a link to the ARRA 2010 Implementation Guide which can be found on the Office of Planning and Budget web site at:
<http://www.opb.state.ga.us/media/11679/2010%20arra%20implementation%20guide.pdf>.

2. Additionally, as part of an effort to comply with public posting requirements established by the Federal Government with regards to orders funded in whole or in part by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), **additional enhancements have been added to the GPR**. Specifically, a new menu selection was added to the “Posting Bid Notices and Documents” section of the Main Menu of the GPR. This option will allow users to post notices related to solicitation/contract actions that are primarily for “Informational Purposes Only” and communicate this information to our supplier community based on GPR registration and NIGP codes (as is common with other bid processing options). Initially, this functionality will be used to formally publicize construction projects funded by ARRA that are being awarded under the Indefinite Quantity Construction (EZIQC) Services Statewide Contract as required by the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR). Specifically FAR 5.704 (a)(2) requires posting of notices that are “for informational purposes only” for proposed contract actions for orders of \$25,000 or more, funded in whole or in part by the Recovery Act, which are issued under existing task or delivery order contracts. The State Purchasing Division recognizes that this new functionality may serve to meet other current or future needs to publically post certain types of information.

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