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Responding to Customers' Questions About ARRA Jobs

Job Center staff are beginning to receive questions from job seekers and employers about ARRA (also known as stimulus) jobs. Here is some basic information you can use to respond to customers:

- The Governor has issued an executive order requiring that many stimulus jobs be listed on JCW. Remember, the stimulus is officially called the "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act." So if you see "Recovery Act" or "ARRA," that means the stimulus package.
- DWD is working on a process right now to get these jobs identified on <http://JobCenterOfWisconsin.com>.
- At first, these jobs will not have an indicator on them when job seekers search for jobs, but that is on a list of priorities to have in place quickly. Our initial goal is to mark the jobs with an indicator as ARRA for tracking and reporting purposes.
- When job seekers ask "Where are the stimulus jobs?", please let them know that ARRA (stimulus) jobs are mixed in with all other jobs. Job seekers will see ARRA job listings if the job matches the job seeker's search criteria.

ARRA jobs will be coming in in a staggered manner from employers - not all at once. Not all ARRA jobs will be posted right now.

Over time, we may have tools for job seekers to search for stimulus jobs. For now, job seekers should keep looking for jobs as they normally would, and any ARRA jobs that are listed will come up as part of a normal job search.

- JCW Employer Call Center staff: We will be getting instructions out to you soon about how to process ARRA job orders.

- If staff or customers have any other questions about the ARRA and how it impacts Wisconsin and the Department of Workforce Development, check out the following websites:
 - DWD website: <http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/recovery/>
 - Executive Order: http://www.wisgov.state.wi.us/journal_media_detail.asp?locid=19&prid=4114
 - State of Wisconsin website: <http://www.recovery.wisconsin.gov/>
 - National website: <http://www.recovery.gov/>

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