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American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 – Project Delivery Closeout

This construction advisory serves as a reminder of the importance of our continued commitment to secure American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 funding in the delivery phase. As we approach the end of fiscal year 2010, we are completing a successful two-year endeavor of meeting the challenges of obligating ARRA funded projects.

The next target we need to focus on is timely construction project closeout. ARRA funds released from projects after October 1, 2010, will be rolled up at the federal level and redistributed. To maximize MDOT's chances of recovering these funds, we must process remaining contract modifications and closeouts as quickly as possible. As we enter into the full delivery phase, the managing offices should monitor the following milestone dates:

- The target date for completing construction on ARRA projects is March 2, 2012; however, the FHWA indicated there is some flexibility in this date. You must work with your FHWA area engineer if you believe this deadline will be an issue.
- Submit the final estimate as soon as possible after contract completion and acceptance by the department. Final estimates must be submitted within 120 days after project completion; however, it is expected that the 120 days will be used to resolve complex issues and extra work, as necessary.
- According to ARRA provisions, all unexpended funds obligated to projects will be canceled on September 30, 2015.

Please share this information to our consultants and local agency staff.

