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Subject: Periodic Updates on the ARRA

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) includes \$21.5 billion in federal research and development funding including: \$10.4 billion for NIH, \$3 billion for NSF, \$2 billion for DOE, \$580 million for NIST, \$550 million for NASA, and \$280 million for NOAA. Approximately \$18 billion will be allocated for the conduct of R&D and \$3.5 billion for R&D facilities and large research equipment. These are one-time non-recurring funds and must be obligated by the prime recipients in a relatively short period of time.

This is a unique and rare opportunity in support of the national research enterprise and one that URI cannot fail to take maximum advantage. While federal agencies have begun to distribute funding opportunity announcements, in most cases specific details of how these funds will be distributed and administered are still evolving. The ARRA requires federal agencies to publish specific details by April 16, 2009.

To assist in your planning, the Office of Research Development will distribute periodic status reports on ARRA research opportunities. The attached is the first of these reports. For further details, please contact Dr. Karen Markin, Director of Research Development, at 874-5971 or email kmarkin@uri.edu.