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**OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
OF STATE**

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2009-14

I, Brad Henry, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Sections 1 and 2 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, hereby direct and order as follows:

Congress has enacted and the President has signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act ("ARRA") to stimulate the economy of the United States. ARRA is a sweeping, omnibus piece of legislation that provides funding and grant opportunities to the states, including Oklahoma, in the areas of education, health, transportation, public safety, energy, the environment, economic development and housing, among others. It contains income tax relief for American taxpayers and provides new financing opportunities for the states.

ARRA contains numerous funding mechanisms in multiple areas of state government, grant opportunities in specified and general areas, deadlines for action by the states, time limits for expenditures of funds and extensive reporting and monitoring requirements. ARRA is a complex piece of legislation that will necessitate a coordinated, thorough and transparent response by state government.

I. Creation of the ARRA Coordinating Council

In order to meet and exceed the requirements of ARRA, ensure an efficient, productive and transparent use of taxpayer dollars, and maximize the benefits to the State of Oklahoma, I hereby create and appoint the ARRA Coordinating Council (the "Council") to manage, coordinate, monitor and report on the State of Oklahoma's efforts to implement ARRA.

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II. Duties of the ARRA Coordinating Council

The duties of the Council shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following responsibilities with respect to the implementation of ARRA:

- a. Work closely with members of the executive cabinet, executives of state agencies and legislative leaders to determine the requirements imposed on and opportunities afforded to the State of Oklahoma, as well as the most efficient and productive use of ARRA funding;
- b. Rigorously monitor the flow of funds through state government to the end destination to ensure compliance with all requirements of the law and transparency in the process;
- c. Work closely with members of the executive cabinet, executives of state agencies and legislative leaders to identify grant and other financing opportunities and requirements;
- d. Ensure that adequate reporting and compliance mechanisms and safeguards are in place;
- e. Ensure full, thorough and easily-accessible public disclosure of the use of all funds received under ARRA; and
- f. Provide a means for municipal, county and other non-state governmental entities to be made aware of opportunities arising under ARRA and to provide input with respect to the state's expenditure of ARRA funds.

III. Members of the ARRA Coordinating Council

The following individuals shall serve as members of the ARRA Coordinating Council in the following functional areas of responsibility:

- a. Economic Development and Workforce – Secretary of Commerce and Tourism;
- b. Education, Career Tech and Common – State Superintendent of Public Instruction;
- c. Education, Higher – Chancellor of Higher Education;
- d. Energy – Secretary of Energy;
- e. Health – Secretary of Health;

- f. Housing – Director of the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency;
- g. Public Disclosure and Awareness – Director of the Office of State Finance;
- h. Public Safety and Homeland Security – Secretary of Safety and Security;
- i. Transportation – Director of the Department of Transportation; and
- j. Water, Waste Water and Environment – Secretary of the Environment.

The individuals assigned to the functional areas listed above shall coordinate and form regular working groups with all cabinet secretaries and chief executives of state agencies, as well as other necessary partners, within their functional areas to determine proposed use of funds available, grant opportunities available, monitoring and reporting requirements, and other matters relating to ARRA and shall regularly report progress of the working group to the Council.

IV. Executive Committee of the ARRA Coordinating Council

The following individuals shall also serve as members of the ARRA Coordinating Council and shall comprise the Executive Committee of the Council: the Governor, who shall serve as Chairman of the Council; the State Treasurer; the Secretary of State; the State Auditor and Inspector; and the General Counsel to the Governor.

In addition to the above-enumerated duties of the Council, members of the Executive Committee shall have the following responsibilities:

The State Treasurer shall coordinate and monitor all aspects of ARRA related to the state budget and state finances and shall work closely with and provide periodic briefings on ARRA to the legislative leadership to ensure legislative input in all aspects of the state's implementation of ARRA. The State Treasurer shall also chair the meetings of the Council in the Governor's absence.

The Secretary of State shall be the lead contact on behalf of the Council and shall receive, collect, decipher, coordinate and disseminate information to, from, and among the members of the Council, cabinet secretaries and state agencies related to ARRA. The Secretary of State shall also coordinate with and serve as the liaison to federal, state, county, municipal and other non-state governmental contacts concerning ARRA.

The State Auditor and Inspector shall direct, monitor and oversee the auditing of the expenditure of all funds received under ARRA and ensure the state and its agencies are in full compliance with all statutory and regulatory requirements related to ARRA, including, but not limited to, monitoring of expenditures and regulatory reporting.

The General Counsel to the Governor shall direct, monitor and oversee all statutory and regulatory legal processes, requirements, deadlines and limits under ARRA and shall reinforce compliance, monitoring and transparency in all matters concerning ARRA.

V. General Provisions

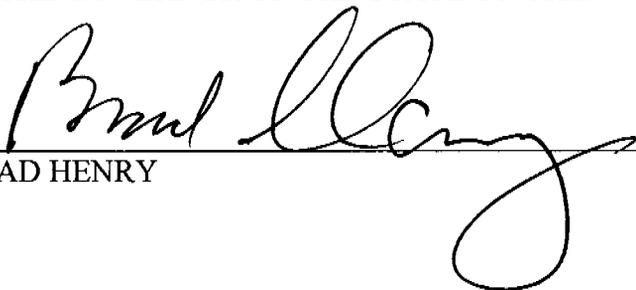
The members of the ARRA Coordinating Council shall elect any additional officers among the members as they determine proper. The Council shall meet as frequently as the members deem necessary or at any time a meeting is called by the Chairman. The Executive Committee, with input from the members, shall set the agenda for meetings of the Council.

Administrative support for the Council shall be provided by the Office of the Secretary of State and the Office of State Finance. All participating state agencies and entities shall provide for any administrative support requested by the Council. I hereby direct all members of the executive cabinet, all state agencies and other instrumentalities of the state to provide assistance, support and information to the ARRA Coordinating Council upon request. Members of the Council employed by a state agency shall be reimbursed travel expenses related to their service on the Council as authorized by state law by their respective state agency.

This Executive Order shall be distributed to all members of the ARRA Coordinating Council, all members of the Governor's Executive Cabinet and the chief executives of all appropriate and affected state agencies, who shall cause the provisions of this order to be implemented by all appropriate officials and agencies of state government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed at Oklahoma City this 11th day of March, 2009.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA


BRAD HENRY

