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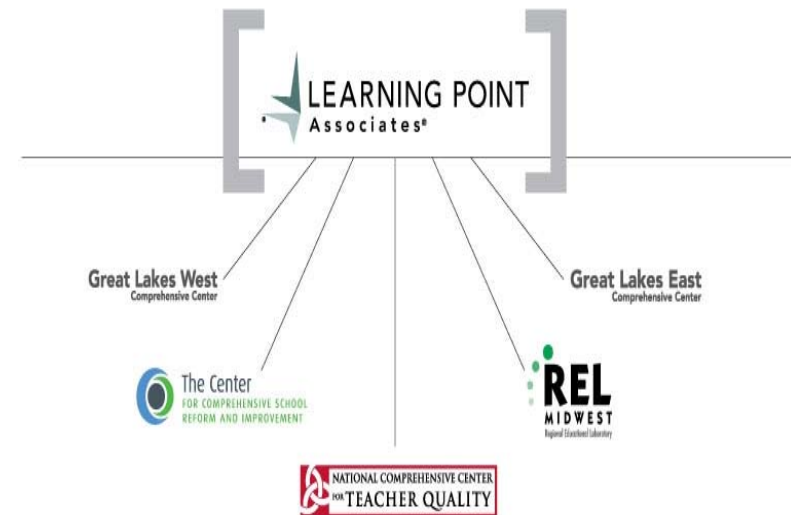
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Great Lakes East and Great Lakes West Comprehensive Centers

Both Great Lakes East and Great Lakes West build state-level capacity in their regions and work with state departments of education to provide high-quality, customized technical assistance in meeting their states' NCLB goals.

Great Lakes East serves Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio. Great Lakes West serves Illinois and Wisconsin.

Today's Featured Guests

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Overview of Web Conference

ARRA: How much does OMB's guidance really tell us?

➤ Objectives

- Raise your questions and concerns about each section of the initial guidance that was released.
- Share reporting challenges and concerns about the reporting processes and requirements
- Respond to specific questions that will help inform the development of the reporting framework.
- Provide direct input to inform future guidance by the U.S. Department of Education on the reporting requirements

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ARRA Resources

- U.S. Department of Education
 - <http://www.ed.gov/recovery>
- Great Lakes East Comprehensive Center
 - <http://www.learningpt.org/greatlakeseast>
- Great Lakes West Comprehensive Center
 - <http://www.learningpt.org/greatlakeswest>
- Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Center website, developed by Learning Point Associates
 - <http://www.learningpt.org/recovery>

ARRA Reporting Guidance

- Implementing Guidance for the Reports on Use of Funds Pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
 - Released by the Office of Management and Budget on June 22, 2009.
 - The full guidance is available on-line at:
http://www.recovery.gov/?q=node/579#TB_inline?height=240&width=400&inlineId=tb_external.

ARRA Reporting Timeline

Tentative launch of reporting system is August 26, 2009.

Quarterly Report Timeline. Beginning October 2009, reporting and review will take place during the month following the end of the previous quarter.

Days 1-10
Recipients prepare and enter data

Days 11-21
Recipients ensure complete and accurate reporting information

Days 22-29
Federal Agency Review

Day 1 5 10 15 20 25 30

OMB Sponsored Webinars

- A series of webinars will be held the week of July 20, 2009, to provide additional information on the implementation of the reporting guidance released on June 22, 2009.
- These webinars are sponsored by:
 - Office of Management and Budget (OMB)
 - Recovery, Accountability and Transparency Board
- Intended audience – federal agency staff, prime recipients and sub-recipients.

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- The intended audience for these webinars includes Federal agency personnel, prime recipients and sub-recipients.

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Date	Time	Title of Webinar
July 20, 2009	10:00am – 12:00pm 2:00pm – 4:00pm	SECTION 1 – General Information SECTION 2 – Basic Principles and Requirements of Recovery Act Recipient Reporting SECTION 5 – Reporting on Jobs Creation Estimates by Recipients
July 21, 2009	10:00am – 12:00pm 2:00pm – 4:00pm	SECTION 3 – Recipient Reporting Process Technology Solution from an Agency Perspective
July 22, 2009	10:00am – 12:00pm 2:00pm – 4:00pm	Technology Solution from a Prime Recipient Perspective Technology Solution from a Sub- Recipient Perspective
July 23, 2009	10:00am – 12:00pm	SECTION 4 – Data Quality Requirements

For more information on the webinars, visit <http://www.recovery.gov/?q=node/658>

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Reporting Framework Questions

What challenges regarding recipient reporting are of greatest concern?

Reporting Framework Questions

The reporting framework includes the capability to delegate sub recipient reporting.

Are you planning on utilizing this?

How will you coordinate reporting with your sub recipients?

Reporting Framework Questions

What information would be most useful for recipient reporting?

What kind of guidance (to clarify process) or future system functionality would be useful?

Reporting Framework Questions

The staff developing the reporting framework is planning on providing three options for recipient reporting- Web Form, Excel template and XML formatted extract.

Are there other methods that you would like to see in the future?

Reporting Framework Questions

What mechanisms for providing information on Recipient Reporting would be most convenient for your organization?

The Recovery Board is currently planning to accept excel, web for and raw xml extracts. Is that enough? Is there interest in feeds or machine to machine?

Reporting Framework Questions

How many reports is your organization planning on submitting this quarter?

How much do you anticipate that to increase next quarter?

Reporting Framework Questions

What are the major capabilities you would like to see in the recipient reporting solution?

This is a wide open question. Are there any system functions that you would like to be available?

Next Steps

- ARRA Information Listserv
- Future Web Conferences
- Please complete evaluation

Additional Resources

➤ Illinois

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➤ Indiana

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➤ Michigan

- Gary Appel, 630-649-6679, gary.appel@learningpt.org

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**Thank you for participating in
this Web conference.**