



Recommendations

- OMB should:
 - Clarify the definition and standardize the period of measurement for FTEs and work with federal agencies to align this guidance with OMB's guidance and across agencies;
 - Given its reporting approach, consider being more explicit that "jobs created or retained" are to be reported as hours worked and paid for with Recovery Act funds, and;
 - Continue working with federal agencies and encourage them to provide or improve program-specific guidance to assist recipients, especially as it applies to the full-time equivalent calculation for individual programs.

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Recommendations cont.

- Given some of the issues that arose in our review of the reporting process and data, we also recommend that OMB should work with the Recovery Board and federal agencies to re-examine the review and quality assurance processes, procedures and requirements in light of experiences and identified issues with this round of recipient reporting and consider whether additional modifications need to be made and if additional guidance is warranted.

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