

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Implications for the Spokane Area Workforce System



What is the intent of ARRA?

General Intent:

- Preserve and create jobs
- Promote economic recovery
- Assistance for those most impacted

Role of the Workforce Investment System:

- Help Americans acquire new skills
- Help Americans get back to work
- Position the Workforce Investment System for the 21st century Global Economy



Four Principles


1. Transparency and accountability in the use of Recovery Act funding;
2. Timely spending of the funds and implementation of activities;
3. Increasing workforce system capacity and service levels; and
4. Using data and workforce information to guide strategic planning and service delivery.



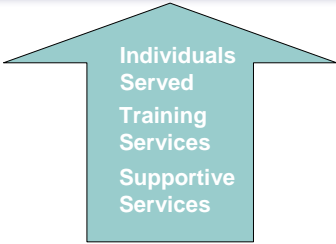
Expediency

ARRA Funds to WIA Programs: **Obligation and Expenditure by States**


Adult, Youth, and Dislocated Worker **June 30, 2011**



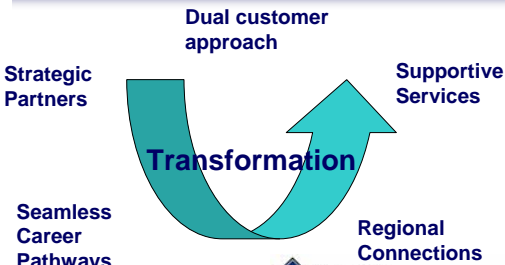
Expansion of Services



Individuals Served
Training Services
Supportive Services



System Transformation




Dual customer approach

Strategic Partners **Supportive Services**

Transformation

Seamless Career Pathways **Regional Connections**



Federal Appropriations

- \$2.95B for adults, youth, and dislocated workers
 - Priority for low income and hard to serve individuals
 - Allowed to *contract* for training services
- \$750M in competitive grants in targeted high growth industries



Local ARRA Allocations

- 3 Programs
 - *Adult*
 - \$725,181
 - *Dislocated Worker*
 - \$1,526,166
 - *Youth*
 - \$1,860,693



Summer Youth Employment Program

- New this year
- \$1.5M
- May 1 – September 30, 2009
- Provide eligible youth with work experience and income over the summer months



Adults and Dislocated Workers

- Utilize workforce system infrastructure to fund training through local institutions of higher education in high demand fields
- Provide supportive services to ensure people obtain the skills they need to be successful



Contract Training

- New Opportunity
- SAWDC permitted to contract directly with training providers
- Facilitate training of multiple individuals in high demand and emerging occupations
 - Don't duplicate existing capacity
 - Reasonable costs



Competitive Funding Opportunities

- Timing of release of guidelines – "Summer 2009"
- Target Green Economy, Healthcare, High Demand Industries
- Likely Criteria –
 - Community Engagement
 - Local and Regional Strategic Partnerships
 - Leveraging Multiple Funding Sources
 - Priorities to provide access to low income, unemployed youth and adults, drop outs, other affected populations