

ARRA: A Subcontractors Perspective

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Outline

- ARRA – Understanding the rules
 - “Shovel Ready” Requirements
- Capacity to Obligate
 - Aperture is stacked
- Capacity to Perform
 - Limited resources restrict progress
- Capacity to integrate both ARRA and Base funding
 - Competing priorities provide conflict
- Ability to succeed
 - Untapped resources need to be recognized and deployed
- Conclusion and General Discussions

ARRA – Understanding the rules

- Shovel Ready Requirements
- Reporting and tracking
- Jobs creation/Jobs protection
- Short term surge
- Just – in – time resource

Capacity to Obligate

- **Procurement challenges have caused a stall in the process**
- **Use of existing IDIQ contract vehicles are largely untapped**
- **Innovative procurement processes need to be considered**
- **Technical staff must ID requirements early so Procurement can productively process obligations**

Capacity to Perform

- Similar work-type at various sites compete for resources
- Geographic ability to secure labor can be a challenge/expensive
- Training and re-training available unskilled workforce takes time
- Tools and systems for surge are largely at capacity

Capacity to integrate both ARRA and Base funding

- 2010 base funding arrived
- ARRA funding still in process
- Competing priorities and level of effort has created a tsunami effect
- Tall order to create success

Ability to succeed

- Can it be done?
 - The queue is full
 - Work requirements need to be well designed/defined
 - Procurement augmentation?
 - Workforce availability
- Drill Into **UNTAPPED TALENT** out there!

Conclusion and Discussions

- ARRA – Understanding the rules
- Capacity to Obligate
- Capacity to Perform
- Capacity to integrate both ARRA and Base funding
- Ability to succeed
- Challenges abound – Opportunity to seek broad based technical solutions