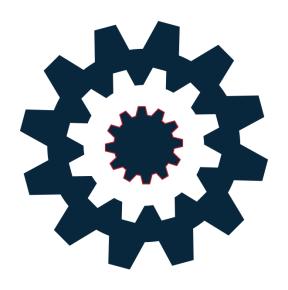


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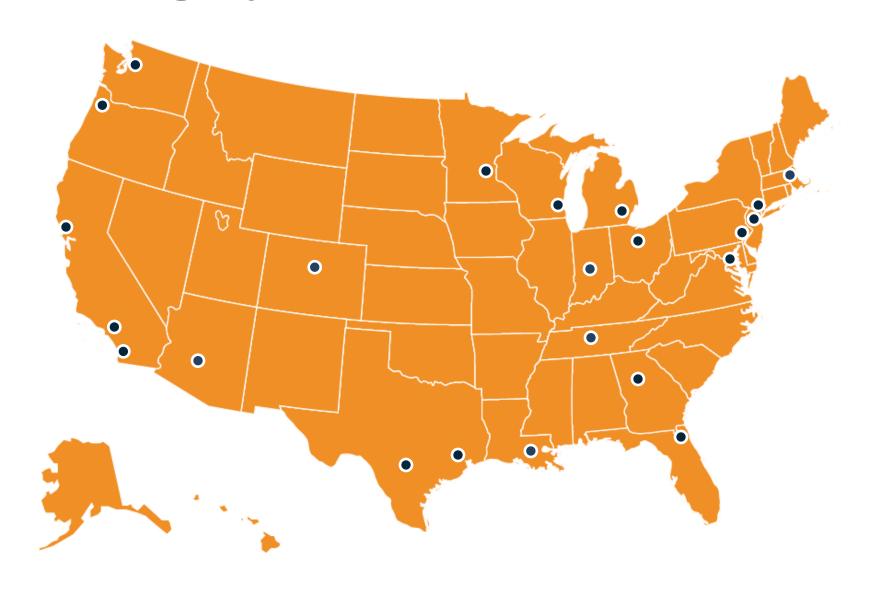
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> Director Jack Lew, Oct. 25, 2011

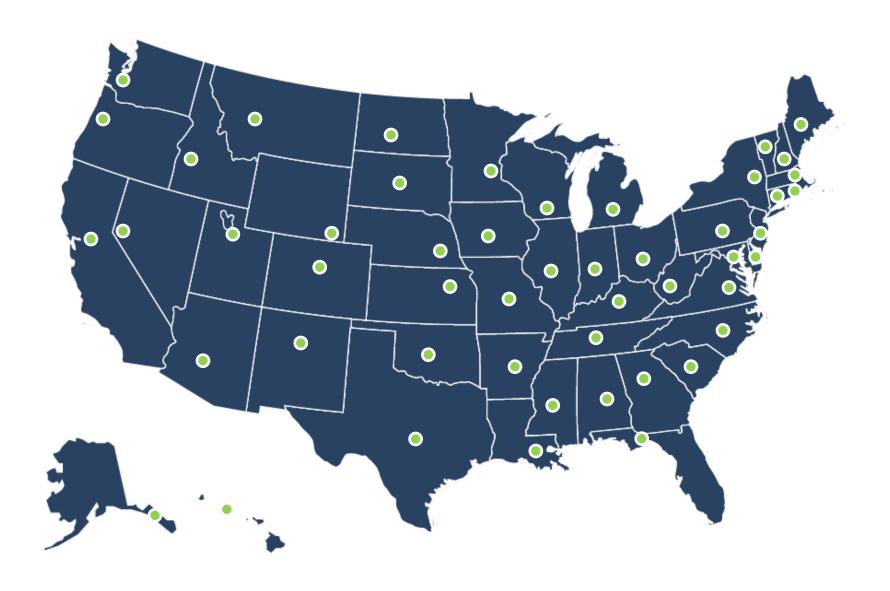


Working together works better

ARRA Big City Network



ARRA State Coordinators



Acceleration Memo Survey

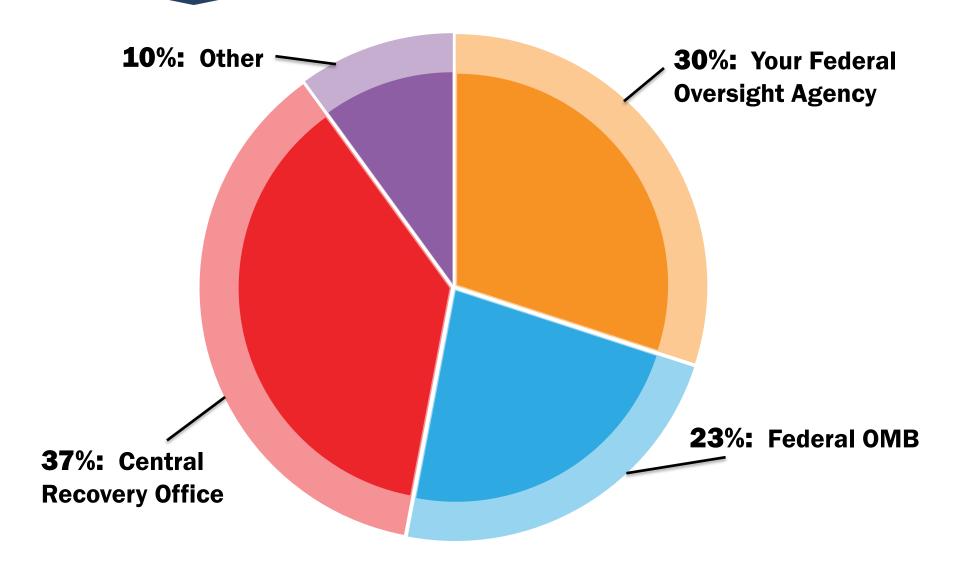
40 Respondents

18
Jurisdictions

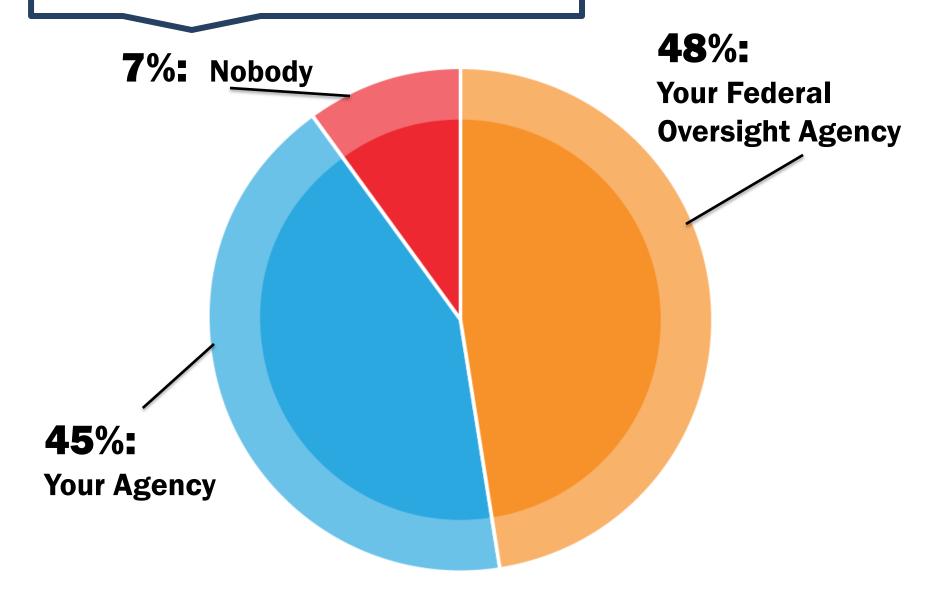
Subrecipient Awards

106 Prime Recipient Awards

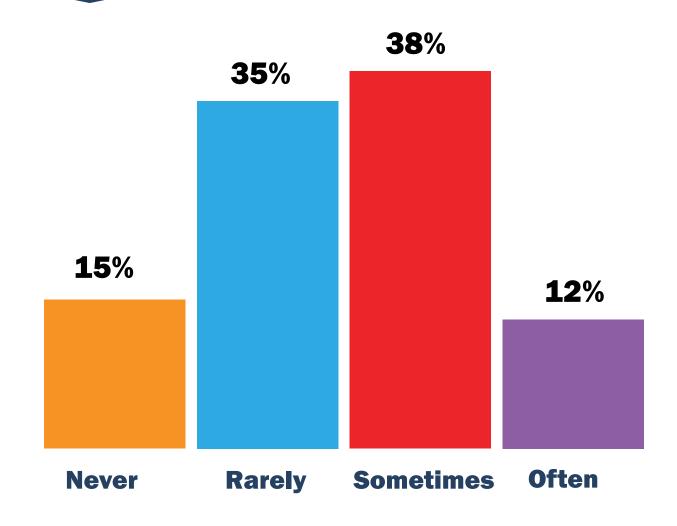
How Did You First Learnof the Acceleration Memo?



Who Initiated Communication about the Memo?

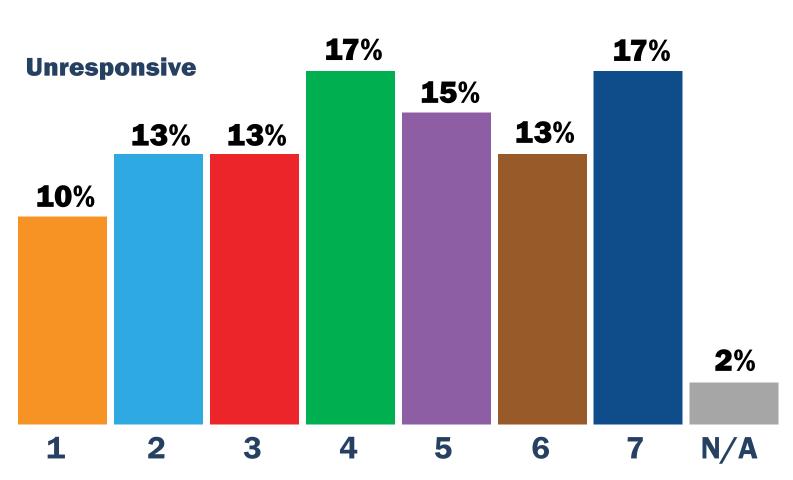


How Often Has Your Federal Agency Discussed the Memo?



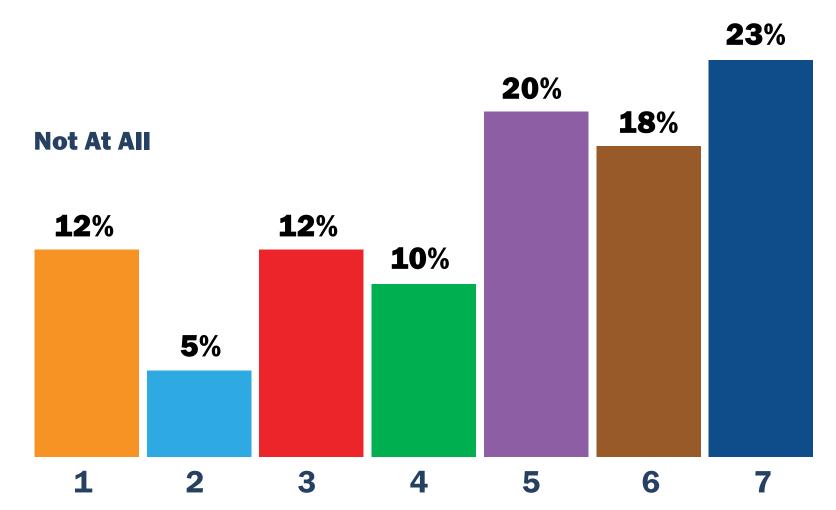
How Would You Rate Federal Communication?

Proactive



How Concerned Are You About the Memo?





Sample of Deadlines Beyond 9/30/2013

Transportation

Highway Planning and Construction

Transit Capital Grants

High Speed Rail

Energy & Environment

Smart Grid

Habitat Conservation

Clean Water and Drinking Water

Safety

TSA Checked Baggage Inspection Pgm.

Public Safety and Community Policing

Justice Assistance Grant Program

Technology

Broadband Tech. Opportunities Pgm.

Health Information Technology

Education

Race to the Top

School Improvement Grants

Investing in Innovation

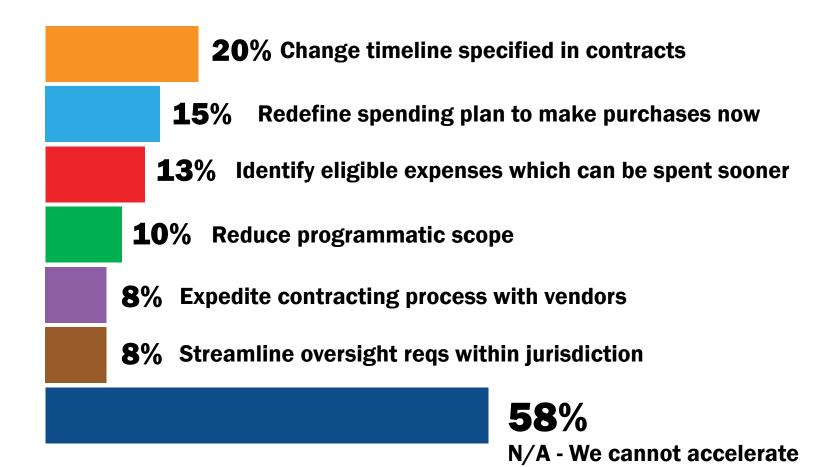
Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems

Research & Development

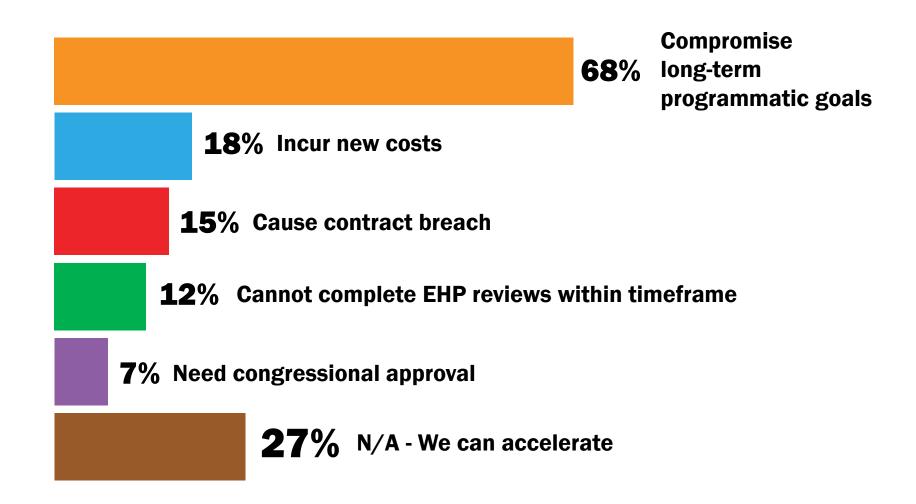
National Science Foundation

Renewable Energy

What are the Flexibilities to Accelerate?



What are the Practical Challenges to Accelerate?



How Has Your Oversight Agency Responded?



Top Recommendations to Streamline Process?

65%

Ensure consistent, ongoing messaging from fed OMB to fed agencies

58%

Publish timeline for fed OMB assessment of waiver requests

50%

Clearly explain reqs for waiver requests in writing

40%

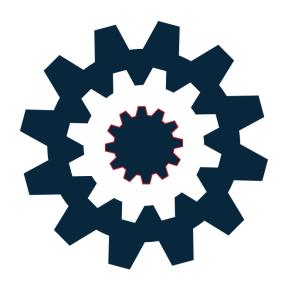
Confirm that fed agencies have contacted recipients re: memo

40%

Require written monthly updates to recipients until final waiver decisions

30%

Set deadline to renegotiate signed award agreements if waiver is denied



Hitting the target, Missing the point

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Making a Deadline

Dept. of
Citywide
Administrative
Services

SEP:	
Solar PV	Program
\$3.7 million	Award
8 buildings	Installation projects
6 months	Construction completed

Making a Difference

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330 kilowatts	Renewable energy
Tripled	Solar installed On city bldgs
167 metric tons	CO2 emissions reduction
\$51,000	Annual cost savings



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