Connecticut Recovery Act Overview

January 2010

CT RECOVERY

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Chronology

- President Obama signed Recovery Act in February 2009

- CT Assembles Recovery Act team
  - Mary Anne O'Neill (Accountability Officer)
  - Matt Fritz (Transparency Officer)
  - David O'Hearn (Project Oversight Officer)
  - David LeVasseur (Recovery Act Municipal Ombudsman)

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- March-present: State agencies apply for formula-based/competitive grants
- August: federal guidance issued on reporting requirements
- October: first Recovery Act reporting period
- December: new job calculation guidance
- January: second Recovery Act reporting period

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Reporting Process

- Recovery Act requires recipients of stimulus funds (grants, loans and contracts) to report to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) quarterly
- Recipients of individual benefits (i.e., unemployment, food stamps, etc.) are not required to report
- First Quarterly OMB report: October 2009
- Second Quarterly OMB report: January 2010

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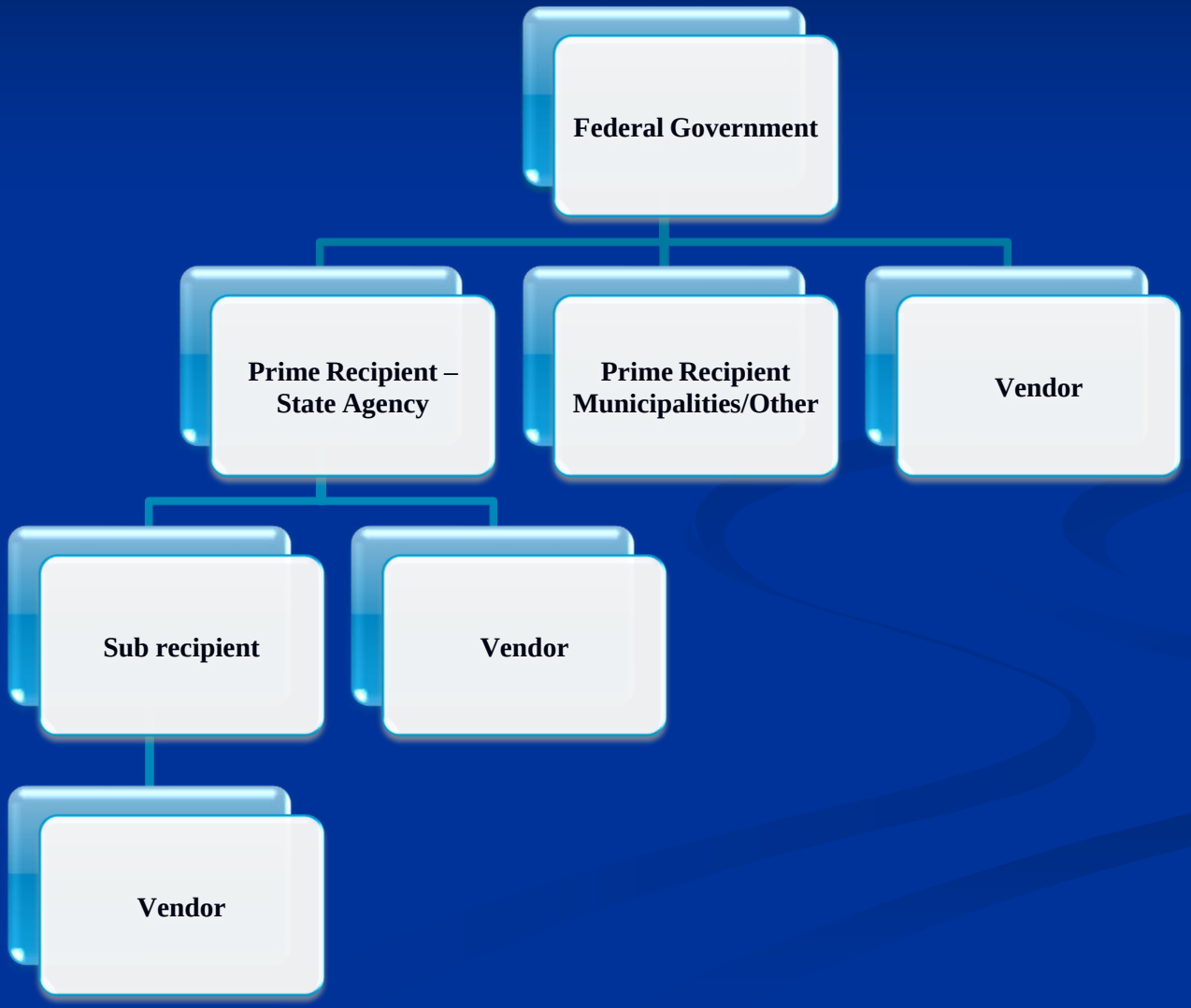

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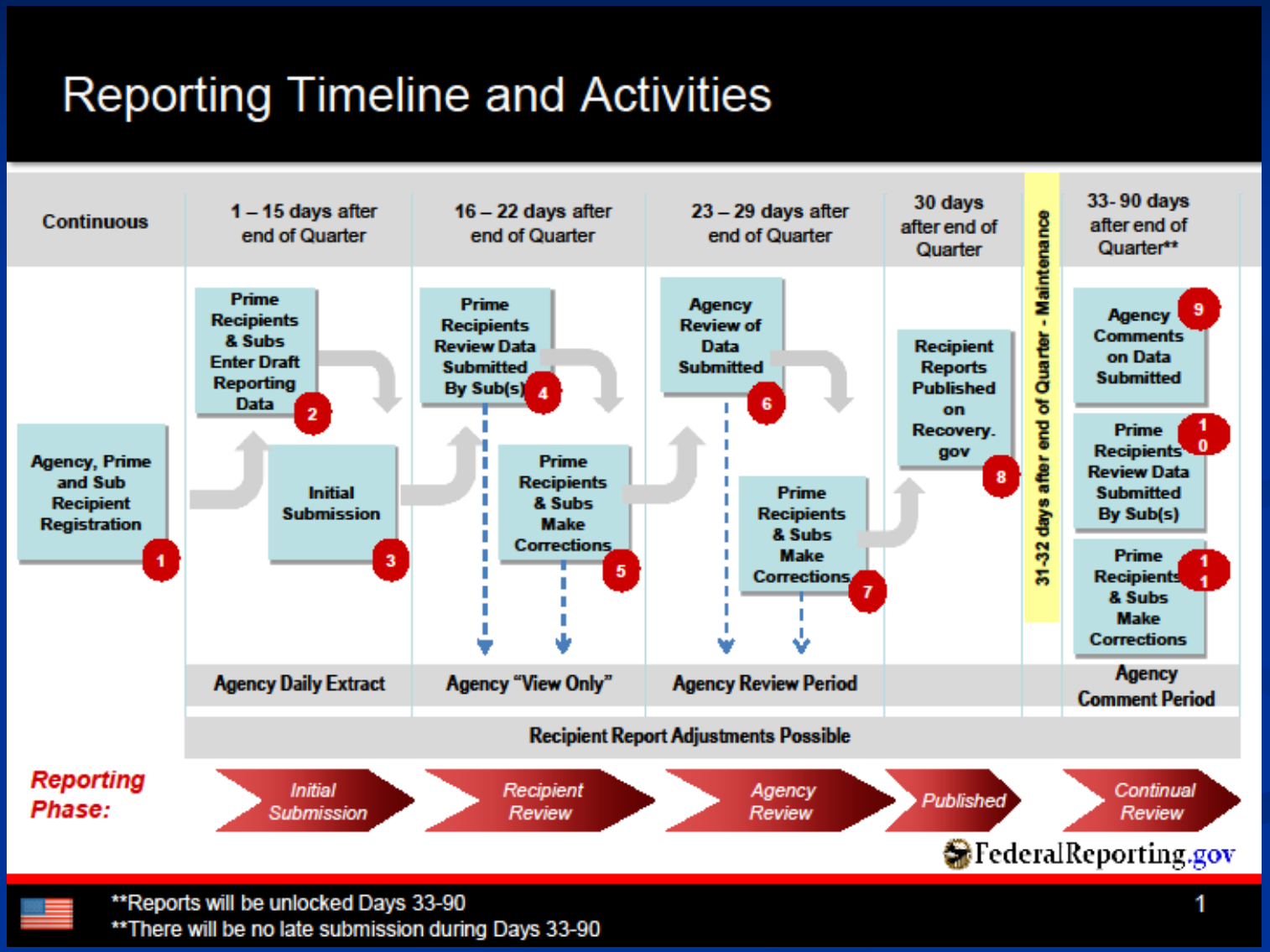

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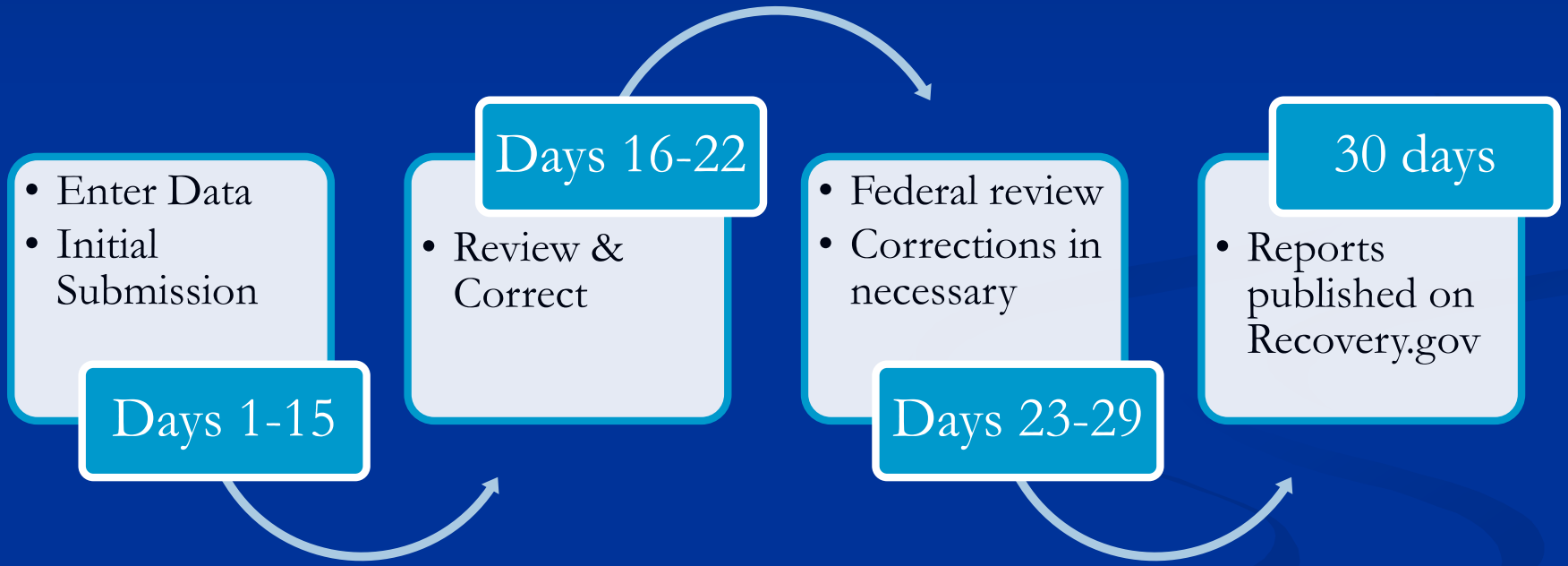

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- Type of data/information reported on:
  - Award amount
  - Expenditures
  - Jobs created/retained
  - Programmatic metrics – cases, energy units, projects
  - Sub-recipients

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CT's Reporting Process

- CT utilized a decentralized approach – state agencies individually reported on their grant awards
- Agencies created data quality management plans
- Sub-recipients reported to state agencies – not directly
- Agencies have been honing reporting procedures since July with monthly reports

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CT's Reporting Process

- CT state agencies met OMB deadline of January 15 for reporting
- One agency did fail to report on one of its grants in a timely manner – granting federal agency, OMB and Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board have been notified
- Reporting status – only minor edits or corrections have been necessary during review period
- Reporting nuances – job formula and zip codes

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What You Will See

- January 30: reporting data will be published on federal Recovery website www.recovery.gov

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Numbers and Stats

The numbers:

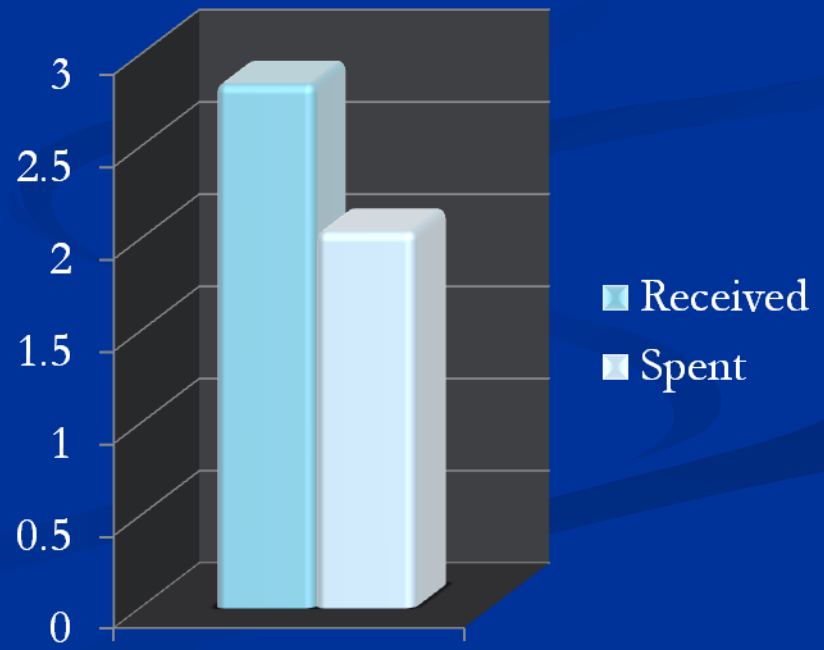
State Agencies have received: $2.94 Billion in Recovery Act grants

State Agencies have expended: $2.08 Billion in Recovery Act Funds

Expended totals include:

- $638,800,000 FMAP
- $1.1 billion in unemployment benefits distributed (includes additional $25 per check and extended benefits)
- $59,092,385 in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (formerly food stamps) distributed

(Note: all of this information pertains to Recovery Act funds received by state agencies – it does not reflect information for municipalities that received direct funding. Also, federal reporting is not required for "benefits" programs such as SNAP.)



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Recovery Act dollars into Connecticut's economy:

- Expenditures = $280 million since February 2009

  577% increase in expenditures between the January report and the October report ($41 million)

- Unemployment benefits and food stamp benefits = $1.1 billion through the Recovery Act in Connecticut – to date

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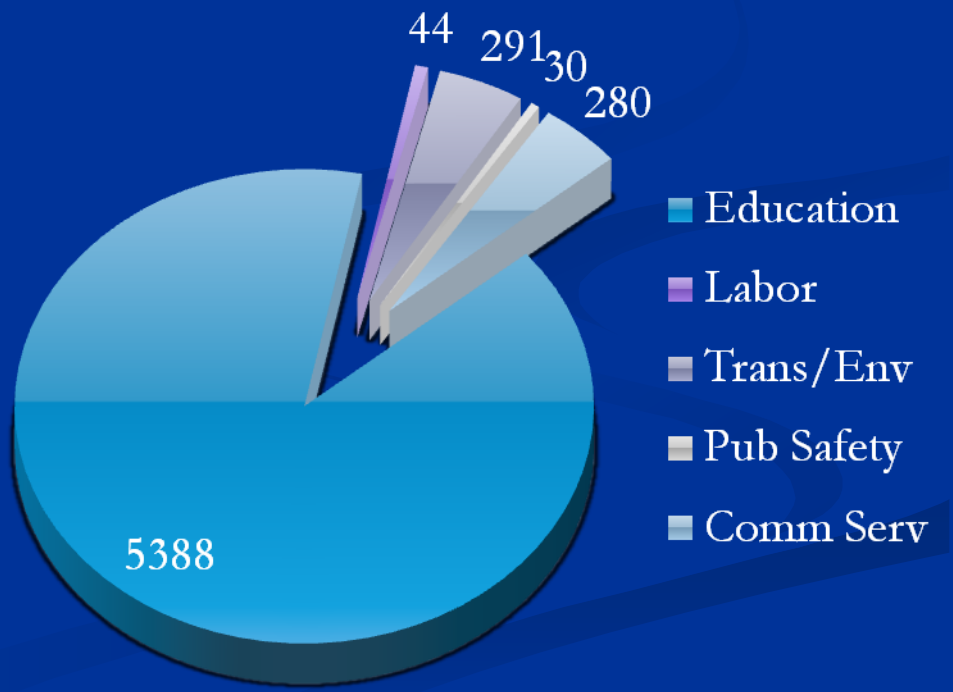
Numbers and Stats

Jobs created and/or preserved as of 12/31/09 = 6,162

Breakout

- Education = 5388
- Labor = 44
- Transportation/Environment = 291
- Public Safety = 30
- Community Services = 280
- Other = 129



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Inside the Numbers

- Job numbers reflect "direct" jobs – does not include "indirect" or "induced "benefits of job creation

- OMB job reporting formula:

  Full-time equivalent = Cumulative Recovery Act Funded Hours Worked/Scheduled work hours in a quarter

(Scheduled/standard "work hours" in a quarter typically equates to 520 based on a 40-hour work week with 13 weeks in a quarter.)

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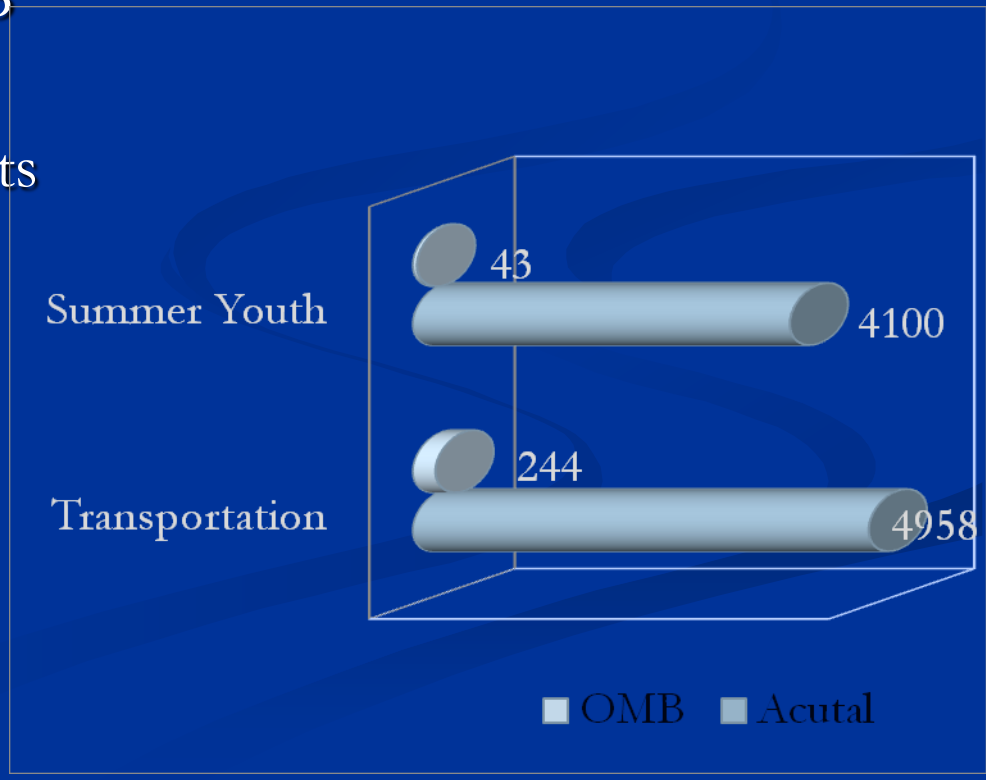
Pulling actual "jobs" out of the OMB formula:

- 4,958 workers currently collecting paychecks on transportation project sites = 244 FTEs based on OMB formula

- 4,100 summer youth participants collected paychecks = 43 FTEs based on OMB formula

- 79 workers gearing up to weatherize housing = 40 FTEs based on OMB formula



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- Direct Impact to Connecticut Residents =
  - Nearly 1,000,000 Connecticut residents have benefited from Recovery Act programs

    - 552,000 K-12 students
    - 125,000 recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance benefits
    - 170,000 receiving unemployment benefits
    - 128,000 job seekers assisted
    - 5,200 individuals enhancing the learning environment
    - 4,000 individuals receiving WIC benefits
    - 4,900 people working on transportation projects
    - 7,000 children receiving rotavirus vaccine
    - 2,500 adults receiving job training

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- Enhanced Learning Environment
  - 5,200 positions in our schools created/retained
  - $610 million in education funding = $1,105 per Connecticut K-12 student
  - $610 million in education funding = $3,675,366 per Connecticut school district

Note: These numbers represent averages based on $610,110,857 in Recovery Act funding, to date, for education – 552,154 K-12 students and 166 school districts.

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- Recovery Act activities underway
  - 128,000 job seekers have been assisted
  - Approximately 170,000 people have received increased monetary or extended duration unemployment benefits
  - 2,500 adults have been enrolled in training and/or other workforce development programs
  - $165,000 has been provided to Foodshare and CT Food Bank to assist with providing emergency food assistance
  - 7,400 home-delivered meals have been served to seniors
  - Child Care funding has prevented 12,000 jobs from being lost by families that receive child care certificates paid with stimulus funds
  - 260 individuals with varying disabilities have entered temporary or permanent paid positions through the Vocational Rehabilitation Program

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- Recovery Act activities underway:
  - 130 cases have been opened by CT authorities investigating internet crimes against children
  - 29 state and local police officers have received internet crime training
  - 20 investigator positions funded on the state's narcotics task force
  - 10 full-time forensic examiner positions have been funded
  - 6369 DNA profiles processed

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- Recovery Act activities underway:
  - 38 highway and bridge projects under contract = $208,686,553
  - $49,872,146 (as of 1/26/10) in outlays have been disbursed for transportation projects (compared to $71,477 on July 1)
  - 82 grant awards totaling $24.9 million have been awarded to UConn and UConn Health Center for research and study
  - $26.1 million in low-income housing Tax Credits Assistance Program awards and $54.5 million in low-income housing tax credit exchange funding have been authorized to construct more than 800 apartments - 3 developments are under construction

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- Recovery Act activities underway:
  - 4,000 new clients were provided vouchers for food through the WIC program
  - 7,064 doses of rotavirus vaccine were distributed to physicians to treat children
  - 7 safe drinking water projects are underway
  - MDC's large-scale clean water project is underway
  - 149 DOT maintenance trucks have been retrofitted with diesel emissions reduction equipment (number includes trucks retrofitted prior to and since October 1)
  - 18 positions in museums, theaters, and galleries have been preserved

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- Recovery Act activities underway:
  - More than 780 grants have been awarded to school districts to improve academic achievement and enhance the learning environment
  - CT Clean Energy Fund created new Geothermal and Solar Thermal programs
  - 153 communities have received Justice Assistance Grants from OPM to enhance law enforcement activities

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What you will see

- January 30: Connecticut-specific information will be posted on the state's Recovery website – www.recovery.ct.gov

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Spring "Forecast"

- Activities to come:
  - Weatherization hitting full-stride – more than 1,300 units have received energy audits and 180 have been weatherized
  - Energy efficiency projects will be underway in 7 state buildings – 3 projects have already been completed
  - Grants to municipalities for energy projects will be awarded
  - 80 local road and bridge projects will be out to bid
  - Energy efficient appliances will be in high demand due to rebates
  - Projects funded with Recovery Zone Bonds will be underway
  - Green job training opportunities will be available
  - 4 additional drinking water projects will be under construction
  - Domestic violence shelters will receive funding to expand coverage

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Spring "Forecast"

- Activities to come:
  - New Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner pilot program will be funded
  - Homelessness prevention program will kick into high gear
  - Broadband mapping will be initiated
  - Recovery Act energy bonds will be awarded
  - Grant announcements/awards in the following areas:
    - State Fiscal Stabilization Phase II
    - Race to the Top (est. April 2010)
    - Health Information Exchange
    - Healthcare professionals – training/increase participation
    - Transportation projects – TIGER
    - Broadband development

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Challenges

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  - Interpreting federal guidance – continuously evolving
  - Davis-Bacon provisions
  - Reporting – could become more frequent/adjusting to federal changes
  - Oversight
  - Municipal assistance

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Overarching Themes

- CT is successfully competing for stimulus grants (i.e., High Speed Rail, Green Job Training, Research)
- Reporting, lots: OMB, state reporting, agency reporting, Congressional reporting
- Accountability/Transparency – evolves constantly
- More funding to come – education, health information and energy

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Areas to Improve

- Pace – prepare for busy spring with transportation and energy projects
- Context and communication – enhance understanding of CT's activities
- Prepare for possibility of additional Recovery Act-type funding programs