

From the report *Show Us the Stimulus (Again)*, online at <http://www.goodjobsfirst.org/stimulusweb.cfm>.

STATE: Mississippi <http://stimulus.ms.gov/>

CATEGORY	SCORING SYSTEM (* shows component of actual score)	MAXIMUM POSSIBLE SCORE	ACTUAL TOTAL SCORE
SPENDING (ALLOCATIONS OR ACTUAL) BY PROGRAM AREAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Broad categories only: 5</li> <li>- Narrow categories only: 5*</li> <li>- Both broad and narrow categories: 10</li> <li>- No breakdown by program areas: 0</li> </ul>	10	5
SPENDING (ALLOCATIONS OR ACTUAL) BY COUNTY OR OTHER RELEVANT GEOGRAPHIC UNIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- County/geographic unit overall totals only: 10</li> <li>- County/unit totals for individual programs only: 10</li> <li>- County/unit totals for both individual programs and overall spending: 15</li> <li>- No county/geographic unit breakdowns: 0</li> </ul>	15	0
SPENDING (ALLOCATIONS OR ACTUAL) COMPARED TO ECONOMIC DISTRESS (unemployment, home foreclosure, poverty, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- County or other relevant geographic unit distribution compared to two or more variables: 15</li> <li>- Compared to one variable: 10</li> <li>- No comparisons to economic needs: 0</li> </ul> EXTRA CREDIT: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-percentage of contracts given to disadvantaged business enterprises: 5</li> </ul>	15 (plus 5 potential extra credit)	0
CONTRACT/GRANT DETAILS (via maps or lists)	ADD SCORES TO GET TOTAL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Descriptions of individual contract/ grant projects: 3*</li> <li>- Dollar amount: 3*</li> <li>- Name of recipient entity: 3*</li> <li>- Text of contract or grant document: 3*</li> <li>- Status of project/portion completed: 3</li> </ul>	15	12
RECIPIENT JOBS DATA	ADD SCORES TO GET TOTAL: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Actual job data for individual contract and grants: 7</li> <li>- Job totals for program areas: 5</li> <li>- Job totals for entire state: 3</li> </ul> EXTRA CREDIT: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- data on job quality (wage rates): 5</li> <li>- demographics of workers: 5</li> </ul>	15 (plus 10 potential extra credit)	0
MAPPING OF CONTRACT AND GRANT PROJECTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Interactive map with significant details on projects: 15</li> <li>- Interactive map with limited details on projects: 10</li> <li>- Static map: 5</li> <li>- No mapping: 0</li> </ul>	15	0
USER AIDS	ADD SCORES TO GET TOTAL: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- search box (including coverage of data): 5</li> <li>- data downloadability: 5</li> <li>- machine-readable data feed: 5</li> </ul>	15	0
TOTALS		100 (plus 15 potential extra credit)	17

Notes: A breakdown of spending for narrow categories is provided in a PDF file linked under “ARRA Mississippi Guidebook” in the Resources/FAQ section of the website at [http://stimulus.ms.gov/msgo/mssr.nsf/webpageedit/LN\\_RL\\_Page\\_LOLAR\\_SPL\\_CHILDERSARRAGUIDEBOOK/\\$FILE/ARRA\\_Guidebook\\_Childers.pdf?OpenElement](http://stimulus.ms.gov/msgo/mssr.nsf/webpageedit/LN_RL_Page_LOLAR_SPL_CHILDERSARRAGUIDEBOOK/$FILE/ARRA_Guidebook_Childers.pdf?OpenElement). The State Stimulus Programs tab leads to subsections that organize information into various categories such as Community and Junior Colleges, and Planning and Development Districts. The information contained within these subsections is limited and inconsistent.

All state agencies are required to post their ARRA related revenue and expenses on the Department of Finance and Administration’s (DFA) Mississippi Management and Reporting System Stimulus site at [http://stimulus.ms.gov/msgo/mssr.nsf/webpages/LN\\_FAQ\\_page\\_FAQ?OpenDocument#Q1](http://stimulus.ms.gov/msgo/mssr.nsf/webpages/LN_FAQ_page_FAQ?OpenDocument#Q1). This may explain why such limited information is available on the main ARRA website. The main site links to the DFA site, as well as the Mississippi State Auditor’s Office ARRA Resources page, under the Spending Reports tab at [http://stimulus.ms.gov/msgo/mssr.nsf/webpages/LN\\_Reports\\_Page\\_LOLTRFSR?OpenDocument](http://stimulus.ms.gov/msgo/mssr.nsf/webpages/LN_Reports_Page_LOLTRFSR?OpenDocument).

Spending allocation breakdowns by narrow program area are described in the Auditor’s report called “Preliminary Evaluations of State Agency ARRA Programs” available at <http://www.osa.state.ms.us/documents/arra/agency-review.pdf>.

The DFA site has various stimulus-related expenditure and revenue reports. For some of the queries listed, it is possible to check a box to have an Excel file of your query results created and made available for download. Posted below these reports are searchable ARRA-related contract databases. Within the search results, individual contract profiles can be viewed, with links to the actual contract text in the “Document Provided URLs” section. Contract profiles include recipient name, project description, award amount, start and end date, but no jobs data or project status. Individual county 1512 reports are also linked from the DFA Stimulus page, but are only available for a few counties at [http://www.mmsr.state.ms.us/Stim\\_Report\\_Gov/Counties.shtml](http://www.mmsr.state.ms.us/Stim_Report_Gov/Counties.shtml).