

**New Jersey Department of Transportation  
QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY**

**CAPITAL PROGRAM SUPPORT**

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**Subject:** American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Whistleblowers signage poster.

**Process Affected:**

Scope  Design Right of Way Utilities Environmental Historic  Construction

**Bureaus Affected:** All Design Consultants

In-house Design Services

Project Management

Construction Services and Materials

**Procedure(s) Affected:**

**Nature of Issue(s):** Pursuant to ARRA, Pub.L. No 111-5, section 1553, all parties involved in ARRA funded projects must post signage of Whistleblowers protection in their offices.

**Recommendation(s):**

Designers are directed to:

- Include the attached "Whistleblowers Know Your Rights" poster on all ARRA funded projects.
- Post the attached "Whistleblowers Know Your Rights" poster in their own offices for projects that are receiving ARRA funding for Design and/or Construction Engineering work.

The REs must ensure that the attached "Whistleblowers Know Your Rights" poster is conspicuously posted in the Field Offices.

**Implementation:** Special (S) – Effective immediately, changes must be implemented in all Department projects receiving ARRA, 2009; (Stimulus Act) funding. All necessary addenda and/or addenda to postpone the receipt of bids must be issued to ensure compliance.

A Field order must be issued to incorporate this requirement for ARRA funded projects under construction.

**Impact Assessment:**

Schedule  Quality Cost Scope

**Cost Impact: None**