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Fraud Prevention and Detection Training

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 provides for unprecedented levels of accountability and transparency, including measures to root out waste, inefficiency, and fraud in the administration and expenditure of Recovery Act funds. In my role as Recovery Act Inspector General, I have collaborated with the Western Federal Inspectors General Association and the United States Department of Justice to develop a comprehensive training aimed at preventing and detecting fraud. I am encouraging the attendance of state departments, as well as sub-recipients, including counties, cities, local boards, agencies and other organizations administering Recovery Act funds. Please forward this invitation to such entities under your purview.

To ensure that this important training is accessible to those administering Recovery Act funds throughout California, we are providing two alternatives to view this training, in person or on the web.

Wednesday, October 28, 2009, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Joe Serna Jr. Cal/EPA Headquarters Building, Byron Sher Auditorium
1001 I Street, Sacramento 95814

For additional building or parking information please visit
<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPABldg/location.htm>

To register for the above in person training, please respond by October 23rd to FraudTraining@recovery.ca.gov, specifying the name of attendees, represented organization, titles/job classifications, and email addresses. Please note that the facility is wheelchair accessible, however, if you need additional disability accommodations, please indicate on your RSVP no less than five (5) business days before the training.

The second alternative is to view the live webinar on October 28th from 9am -12pm. To view the live webinar, you must register in advance at <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/524312641>. After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

- The system requirements for the webinar are Windows(r) 2000, XP Home, XP Pro, 2003 Server, Vista, Mac OS(r) X 10.4 (Tiger(r)) or newer.

Because fraud prevention and detection efforts must be integrated, appropriate participation would include each of the following categories: 1) executive management; 2) fiscal activities (accounting, auditing, grant management); 3) programmatic operations; and 4) procurement or contracting.

Sincerely,
LAURA N. CHICK
California Inspector General