

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE SERVICES

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) provides funds for many divergent purposes including: (1) preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery; (2) assisting those most impacted by the recession; (3) investing in transportation, environmental protection, and other infrastructure to provide long-term economic benefits; and, (4) stabilizing state and local government budgets.

The Recovery Act assigns the U.S. General Accountability Office and others in the oversight community an array of new responsibilities to help promote accountability and transparency. The Office of Management and Budget is responsible for establishing implementation guidance and compliance requirements for federal agencies and ensuring that the provisions of the Recovery Act are incorporated into the guidance developed by each federal grantor agency.

State and local governments are already establishing the appropriate fiscal and administrative control framework to ensure accountability over the use of stimulus funds. There will be many challenges to overcome as governments move to implement the accountability and transparency provisions of the Recovery Act, including the need for enhanced controls relating to fraud prevention, contract management, and overall grants accountability.

BRONNER is well poised to assist our nation's state and local governments prepare to manage and demonstrate appropriate levels of accountability and transparency for all Federal funds under their stewardship.

BRONNER's Risk and Advisory Services Division works with federal, state, and local governments to ensure public sector accountability. Our financial management professionals have a deep understanding of the accounting, auditing, and financial reporting requirements of the public sector, and are recognized as thought leaders on the emerging challenges facing government in today's complex business environment.

BRONNER continues to demonstrate its public sector commitment by offering services that advance the following Recovery Act accountability objectives:

- ▶ Funds are awarded and distributed in a prompt, fair, and reasonable manner;
- ▶ The recipients and uses of all funds are transparent to the public, and the public benefits of these funds are reported clearly, accurately, and in a timely manner;
- ▶ Funds are used for authorized purposes and instances of fraud, waste, error, and abuse are mitigated;
- ▶ Projects funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 avoid unnecessary delays and cost overruns; and,
- ▶ Program goals are achieved, including specific program outcomes and improved results on broader economic indicators.

Those of us who manage the public's dollars will be held to account—to spend wisely, reform bad habits, and do our business in the light of day—because only then can we restore the vital trust between a people and their government.

— President Barack Obama

BRONNER's Accountability and Compliance Services

- Transparency and Reporting Systems
- Information Collection and Dissemination
- Risk Management and Fraud Prevention
- Internal Control Assessment
- Contract Management and Oversight
- Compliance Management and Reporting
- Program Evaluation
- Sub-Recipient Monitoring and Accountability

BRONNER's expertise in providing assurance on control effectiveness to government and public entities has spanned over 20 years. We assist our clients in effectively managing business risks by providing a full spectrum of financial, compliance, internal control improvement, and audit services. These services are tailored to assist government entities with their general financial and grants management systems and operational improvement initiatives. Understanding the issues, policies, and processes involved in enabling government to achieve higher levels of effectiveness, efficiency, transparency, and accountability is our business. It is what we do best.