



REBUILD IOWA OFFICE

Information for Administration & Regulation Budget Subcommittee

3/3/09

1. Detailed **budget information for the Rebuild Iowa Office** is included in your RIO packet.
2. A **Table of Organization** with actual names of people in the positions has been provided in your RIO packet. It also lists their comparable state position, and indicates whether they were borrowed from a state agency or hired on contract through Merit Resources.

There are currently 8 individuals on loan from other agencies or departments. The Volunteer Agency Liaison position will retain an FTE through IDED but be funded by the Rebuild Iowa Office through June 30, 2010.

There are currently 11 contract positions hired through Merit Resources. Five of these will require FTEs, while the remaining six positions are expected to be phased out by the end of their 18-month contract with Merit Resources.

The 12 positions for which we are requesting FTEs are as follows:

Chief of Staff
Chief Finance Officer/Human Resources
Communications Assistant
Communications Director
Community Planning Specialist (for 1 of 2 positions)
Constituent Outreach Director
Economic Recovery Specialist
Environmental Specialist

Intergovernmental Affairs Director

Long-term Recovery Director

Office Manager

Strategic Planning Officer

We are working with DAS to prepare to post and interview to fill the positions once the FTEs are approved.

3. Explanation of federal support for RIO.

The Rebuild Iowa Office has received \$3 million in administrative funds from the Economic Development Agency (EDA) for a scope of work that is described in the document entitled "Rebuild Iowa Office Reporting Requirements" found in your packet. We have also received \$850,000 in administrative funds from the first round of CDBG funds in Iowa. Also, the RIO is a conduit for \$1,180,300 in CDBG administrative funds being used to contract for case management services through Long Term Community Recovery committees.

We have no expectation that additional federal funding will be available for administrative purposes, although we intend to continue working to identify all available sources of funding for disaster assistance for the victims of the 2008 floods and tornadoes. However, should administrative funds become available for the Rebuild Iowa Office, State funding for similar purposes could revert.

As requested, a spreadsheet detailing the status of various disaster funds has been included in the packet. This spreadsheet was developed by the Legislative Services Agency. The RIO obtains updates from various state and federal agencies and reports this information to LSA on a weekly basis.

4. Purpose of RIO, accountability, and 6/30/11 sunset.

The Rebuild Iowa Office is working to implement the recommendations of the Rebuild Iowa Advisory Commission (RIAC) contained in their 120-day report, available online at <http://www.rio.iowa.gov>. The RIAC remains in place under executive order. In addition, a coordinating council established in Division IV of HF 64 will work with us to accomplish the goals set out in that legislation. That division of the legislation is included in the packet for your review.

HF 64 authorized creation of the Rebuild Iowa Office through June 30, 2011, requires that a transition plan for disaster recovery issues be submitted to the Governor and General Assembly by January 1, 2011, pending the elimination of the office on June 30, 2011.