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BREAKING NEWS

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Recovery Board Corrects Congressional District Errors Identified by OMB

WASHINGTON – The Recovery Board, at the request of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), has now corrected the errors identified by OMB as non-existent congressional district (CD) data submitted by recipients and previously posted on Recovery.gov.

Where incorrect CD data was identified in states or territories with only one legitimate congressional district, the data was changed to reflect the one CD. In states with multiple CDs, the data was changed to correspond with the nine-digit zip code provided by recipients in their submissions. In cases where the nine-digit zip code was not submitted by the recipient, the code "ZZ" has been substituted by the Board as a placeholder and these unassigned CDs will need to be changed by the recipient during the next reporting period, which begins on January 1, 2010.

Earl E. Devaney, the Chairman of the Recovery Board, stated today: "In cases where incorrect data results in a significant risk that the public will be misled or confused, the Board, as it has previously done, may opt to step in and correct or omit data in lieu of the established OMB guidance that only recipients can enter or change data."

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The Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board was created by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to oversee the expenditure of Recovery funds and bring transparency and accountability to the process. The Board consists of a chairman, Earl E. Devaney, and 12 federal Inspectors General. The Board runs the Recovery.gov website that provides information on the Recovery initiatives and spearheads an accountability effort that involves both federal and state investigators and enforcement officials.

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