

## INSPECTOR GENERAL ARRA REPORT

2010-11-0298

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## ARRA REVIEW OF THE FISH CREEK BRIDGE DECK OVERLAY

Indiana Inspector General David O. Thomas, after an inspection and review by Special Agent Mike Mischler, reports as follows:

This report addresses an inspection and evaluation by Special Agent Mike Mischler regarding the progress of a project funded by money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).<sup>1</sup> The ARRA intends to provide a stimulus to the United States economy by providing \$787 billion in program funding and tax credits.<sup>2</sup> Indiana is to receive over \$4 billion in ARRA funding.

The purpose of this report is to document a physical inspection of a project funded in whole or in part by ARRA funds.

The OIG's enabling statute provides that the OIG is responsible for addressing fraud, waste, abuse and wrongdoing in agencies. IC 4-2-7-2(b). The OIG is also to review and recommend policies and carry out other activities

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, P.L. No. 111-5, 123 Stat. 115 (2009).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See: http://www.recovery.gov.

designed to deter, detect, and eradicate fraud, waste, abuse, mismanagement, and misconduct in state government. IC 4-2-7-3(2).

Based upon these authorities, random ARRA projects were selected from the Invest Indiana website map (http://www.in.gov/gov/countyarra.htm). This website specifies ARRA projects by county.

A physical inspection was then made of the selected project. The inspection was limited to a visual review of the work that had or was occurring.

In this case, Contract SB-32041-A was inspected. This was a bridge deck overlay construction project over Fish Creek on US 231/67. The location of this project is less than one mile from the Greene-Owen County line on US 232/SR 67 in Owen County at mile marker 110.

The contract for this project was let on June 24, 2009. A visual inspection and photographs (See Exhibit A, attached) were taken, revealing that this bridge repair was complete.

As the inspection revealed that the location and type of work to be performed was completed, this case will be closed.

Dated this 29th day of November, 2010.

APPROVED BY:

David O. Thomas, Inspector General

## EXHIBIT A:



