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## **Majority of Federal Workforce Concerned About Meeting Public's Expectations for Economic Stimulus Program**

*Study Shows Majority Feel "Overwhelmed" or "Anxious" About Ability to Implement American Recovery and Reconstruction Act (ARRA)*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – According to a new study by Government Business Council (GBC), the research division of Government Executive Media Group, most federal executives are not optimistic that their agencies will be able to achieve all that the American Recovery and Reconstruction Act (ARRA) has promised to taxpayers.

Federal managers report that they are focusing their agency's efforts to contribute to the ARRA objectives of saving and creating jobs and jumpstarting the economy, but that they are doing so with uncertainty. Specifically, the majority of federal managers – 54% – report that they are "overwhelmed" or "anxious" about the ARRA requirements and the management of ARRA so far.

The survey, conducted in May 2009, captures the views of 333 randomly selected federal managers on the implementation of ARRA. According to the study, most federal managers expect their agencies to have success in disbursing stimulus funding but believe that the tracking and reporting of those funds, to meet accountability and transparency standards, will be more difficult.

Despite being uncertain, managers do seem hopeful about ARRA, however, as 40% feel that the program could serve as a catalyst to further changes in how government works, possibly resulting in improving the public's view of government.

"Our research indicates that federal managers are committed to the goals of ARRA but are concerned that they may not have the resources to be fully successful," stated Bryan Klopock, Director, Government Business Council.

GBC will present a free webinar on the study on July 16, 2009 at 2 p.m. More information on the study and webinar can be found at [www.govexec.com/gbc/](http://www.govexec.com/gbc/).

"Government Business Council leads the way in tapping into the minds of federal managers to understand their most pressing concerns," commented Matt Dunie, General Manager, President, Government Executive Media Group. "By focusing on understanding the challenges facing today's federal leaders, GBC is able to identify where opportunities may exist for the private sector to provide mission-critical expertise and assistance."

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