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WHY READ THE REPORT
The Recovery Act requires federal agencies to implement an unprecedented level of transparency and accountability to ensure U.S. citizens can see where and how their tax dollars are being spent.

The Department of Labor received more than $40 billion under the Recovery Act to expand unemployment benefits, increase employment and training opportunities, build and rehabilitate Job Corps Centers, enforce worker protection laws, and coordinate activities related to the infrastructure and unemployment insurance investments. Both the Recovery Act and OMB guidance contain provisions requiring Federal agencies to account separately for ARRA funds. The Department has also issued instructions to its agencies on how to account for and report on ARRA-related obligations and expenditures.

WHY OIG CONDUCTED THE AUDIT
The audit objectives were to answer the following questions:

1. Has the Department implemented, or does it have plans to implement, procedures to account for Recovery Act financial activity as required by Federal law and Office of Budget and Management (OMB) guidance?

2. Does the Department have processes to report on the use of Recovery Act funds in accordance with OMB guidance?

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