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**TO:** All State Administrative Agencies  
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**SUBJECT:** Guidance on Providing Grant Funds to the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN)

Per the direction of the Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget, all Federal grant and contract recipients are hereby informed of section 163 of the Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2010, Division B of Public Law Number 111-68 (CR). Section 163 states, "None of the funds made available by this joint resolution or any prior Act may be provided to the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN), or any of its affiliates, subsidiaries, or allied organizations."

This Information Bulletin serves to notify all Federal grant and contract recipients that they are prohibited from obligating, awarding, or otherwise providing any Federal funds to the ACORN or any of its affiliates, subsidiaries, or allied organizations (collectively "affiliates," of which this also applies to subgrantees, subcontractors, or other subrecipients). This guidance also applies to any funding that was made available for Fiscal Year 2009 as well as in prior fiscal years.

If any Federal grant or contract funds have been awarded or otherwise provided to ACORN or its affiliates, such awarding grantees or contractors are required to notify the above-signed with respect to how the awarding grantee or contractor is planning to comply with the prohibition with respect to those subgrants, subcontracts, or subrecipient agreements.

Any questions or concerns regarding this matter should be directed to your appropriate Federal Emergency Management Agency Grant Programs Directorate Analyst, or to your Regional Program Analyst.

Enclosure: Guidance on section 163 of the Continuing Resolution regarding the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN)