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Topic: Costs Associated with County Lay-off of Staff

On April 12, BCFTA Update 2011-20 was issued, providing an opportunity for county agencies to submit estimates of costs associated with possible lay-offs for SFY12. ODJFS is compiling these estimates and on the county's behalf, will submit a request to DHHS for approval to claim federal financial participation for these abnormal severance costs. The deadline for submittal of these estimates was April 30 and we received responses from 69 agencies. Some of those responses indicated that no lay-off was expected.

A few counties have asked for an extension of the April 30 deadline. The information is being gathered via Survey Monkey and the site will now be open through COB, next **Friday, May 13th**.

Counties may access the survey through the following link:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7QLCJCV>

Again, this is an opportunity for counties to submit requests that are much less detailed and formal than normally required. Please make sure your requests include both the estimated costs of the payout of unused leave and the estimated costs of unemployment claims.

Remember, the submittal of this estimate does not represent a commitment on the part of the county agency. The submittal of this estimate only provides an effective means to request approval to claim costs associated with a lay-off should the county find itself in these circumstances.

Additional details are available in BCFTA Update 2011-20 issued on April 12, 2011. Please contact your ODJFS Fiscal Supervisor if you have any questions regarding this Update or early retirement incentive plans.