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Reference to Draft OWIP Jobs Creation:

4.0: The guidance basically tells me that vendors don't count in the numbers I turn in. Between 90-100% of our dollars will be spent on vendors. None will create NEW jobs, but that money is being spent on someone doing some work. The word "generally" makes it more confusing – when is it counted and when isn't it counted – no guidance is provided for that determination with respect to vendors.

6.1.1: When I ask the question 'would the hours be worked in absence of the Recovery Act', I can pretty assuredly say that they would, both for my own hours in the public sector and for the hours worked by a vendor (private contractor) – they will find work. But, if you look at the big picture for the entire Act's money, you may reasonably come to a different conclusion, but at my very small level in the big picture, the answer is no. We will find work to keep busy and therefore not retain any jobs.

In other words, my city has a \$200,000 grant, and per that guidance in the federal register, I could honestly report zero jobs retained (None are created any way you look at it). If that is the intent, please ignore this input. If not, suggest someone revise the guidance to all of us, so every little bit fits in to the jobs retention part of the picture Questions – you are welcome to call or email me.

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