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Oklahoma Employment and Training Issuance # 01-2009

TO: Grant Recipients
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FROM: Richard J. Gilbertson, Director
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DATE: January 12, 2009

SUBJECT: Mileage Reimbursement Rate

MESSAGE: The Internal Revenue Service has announced a **decrease** in the standard mileage rates for the use of a privately owned vehicle. Beginning on **Jan. 1, 2009**, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be **55 cents per mile** for business miles driven.

The new rate is slightly lower than rates for the second half of 2008 that were raised by a special adjustment mid-year in response to a spike in gasoline prices. The business mileage rate was 50.5 cents in the first half of 2008 and 58.5 cents in the second half. The mileage rates for **2009** reflect generally higher transportation costs compared to a year ago, but the rates also factor in the recent reversal of rising gasoline prices. While gasoline is a significant factor in the mileage rate, other fixed and variable costs, such as depreciation, enter the calculation.

ACTION: Please share this information with all appropriate staff.

RESCISSIONS: This policy rescinds OETI #12-2008 issued June 25, 2008.

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