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Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2010 3:31 PM

To: Lashway, Lisa

Subject: Two Issues

LEAGUE ALERT

Municipal Clerk: Please forward to Mayor and Governing Body.

January 13, 2010

**Re: I Urgent Prevailing Wage for Maintenance Road
Projects on Governor's Desk**

**Re: II Time is Limited – Register NOW!
Orientation for the Newly Elected, Re-elected, or
Experienced**

Re: I. Urgent Prevailing Wage for Maintenance Road Projects on Governor's Desk

Dear Mayor:

A-4268/S-3095 would require prevailing wage for "maintenance related projects" that exceeds the scope of work and capabilities of in-house maintenance personnel, requires the solicitation of bids and has an aggregate value exceeding \$50,000. It has passed both houses and now awaits final consideration by Governor Corzine.

We have strongly opposed this bill and are extremely concerned that this bill will increase the cost of public contracts and harm competitive contracting. In addition, during the legislative process we raised our concern for clarification of the definition and the purpose. Currently, the prevailing wage threshold for public works contracts for municipalities is \$14,187. Any contract for public works over \$14,187 requires prevailing wage. N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.26 defines public work as "construction, reconstruction, demolition, alteration, custom fabrication or repair work or maintenance work, including painting and decorating...." We are concerned with the addition of "maintenance related projects" since it is undefined and the existing law currently covers maintenance projects.

We have asked the Governor for consideration of these concerns and requested that the bill be vetoed. Thus, we urge you to contact Governor Corzine at 609-292-6000 or by faxing 609-292-3454 to ask him to veto A-4268/S-3095.

If you wish to discuss further, please contact me at League headquarters at (609) 695-3481 ext. 122.

Very truly yours,

William G. Dressel, Jr.

Executive Director

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Orientation for the Newly Elected, Re-elected, or Experienced

Saturday, January 23, 2010

Renaissance Meadowlands Hotel

801 Rutherford Ave

Rutherford, NJ 07070

This orientation for municipal officials who are newly elected, re-elected, or experienced is fast paced and designed to quickly bring officials up-to-date on important municipal issues. The newly elected officials will get a thorough overview of their major areas of responsibility, key contact at the State level, and important sources of information and assistance.

Re-elected and experienced officials will receive valuable up-to-date reference materials that will guide them to the answers they seek. They will also get the latest information on the most important municipal issues, all while meeting their newly elected peers and the League Staff.

The Luncheon is an integral part of the orientation and designed as an opportunity to informally discuss experiences and share ideas with experienced local officials.

Schedule:

8:30a.m. -9:00a.m. -Registration, networking and continental breakfast

9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.-Seminar Topics, Networking and Morning Refresher

12:00p.m.-1:00p.m.-Buffet Luncheon with and Open forum discussion

1:00p.m.-3:30p.m. - Seminar Topics, Networking, and Afternoon Refresher

REGISTRATION FEE: Member Rate: \$125.00* Non-Member: \$150.00

*Member rate applies to: Municipalities, State, County, and Municipal Utilities & Authorities.

To register:

-Visit www.njslom.org and click on *Services*

-Select *Calendar of Events*, Go to the date you are attending

-Download registration form, complete and fax it with your voucher to (609) 695-0151

Questions about registering – contact Suzanne Delany SDelany@njslom.com or 609-695-3481 ext. 111.

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