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Dear GovConnect Colleague:

The pace is picking up as we move into Fall. For all the details login to GovConnect now at:
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New Items:

1. **Meetings and Conferences:** There are a number of events scheduled for this fall of interest to local officials. Details on the following events are at the end of this notice:
 - Records Management Update: a DARM/League of Municipalities update on records management practices and PARIS grant eligibility.
 - Princeton University Policy Research Institute for the Region will host a forum titled "Regional & National Financial Crises: Roots, Results & Responses"
 - Conference on New Jersey history
 - NJRA Redevelopment Training Institute programs on redevelopment program development
2. **Organizations that have extended IT service contracts pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2008-16** (www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/lfns/08lfns/2008-16.doc) that have not filed their Contract Extension Certification should do so immediately in order to comply with the contract. Local units using the Mini-Micro contract that have not reviewed that Notice, should do so immediately. It covers important information about State IT Services Contracts and the soon-to-expire State Mini-Micro Contract.
3. **Digital Tax Maps and Municipal Government:** The Division of Taxation is exploring the possibility of amending the regulations to allow tax maps to be submitted in digital format. Detailed information regarding digital tax maps which include computer-aided drafting (CAD) standards can be found in the Clerk Document Library. Please share this information with your Mayor, tax assessor, engineer, surveyor, planning board, administrator, and any GIS professionals.
4. In celebration of Women's History Month in March 2009, the Department of Community Affairs' Division on Women and the New Jersey Advisory Commission on the Status of Women will be presenting awards named in honor of the late Connie Woodruff and Senator Wynona M. Lipman. If you would like a nomination packet or have any questions, please contact the New Jersey Division on Women via e-mail at njacsw@dca.state.nj.us or call (609) 292-8840.
5. Governor Corzine has signed a proclamation declaring October 2008 as Cyber Security Awareness month. To commemorate the month, the New Jersey OIT has created a website with information from the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC). These cyber security tips are available at www.nj.gov/njinforesecure/local/, a site developed and maintained by OIT's Statewide Office of Information Security (SOIS).
6. The Division of Pensions and Benefits has released the FY 09 PERS and PFRS Project Local Employer Billing. Information on the billing and the estimates are posted on the Division's web site at

www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/2009-employer-billing.htm. The actual bills will be issued later this year and are payable on April 1, 2009.

7. New Jersey Secretary of State Nina Mitchell Wells has announced the availability of Public Archives and Records Infrastructure Support (PARIS) grant funding for program year 2009/2010. Your municipal government may be eligible to apply for funding for records management projects! The PARIS program is administered by the New Jersey Division of Archives and Records Management (NJDARM). Information on PARIS may be found online at www.njarchives.org.

8. The DEP Bulletin contains a list of construction permit applications recently filed or acted upon by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. The latest issue was released October 1, 2008. This issue can be viewed online at: www.nj.gov/dep/bulletin/bu2008_1001.pdf

Conference Reminders

1. NJSLOM Professional Development Seminar: Learn about changes to the PARIS Records Management Program that allows more municipalities to apply for grants, changes in records retention, email management, preservation and conservation of historical records, and imaging certification. The seminar will be held on October 17, at Mercer County Community College, West Windsor and October 23, at Burlington County College, Mt. Laurel. For more information or to register, please visit www.njslom.com and click on services OR contact Karen Venditti at 609-695-3481 ext. 118.

2. The Princeton University Policy Research Institute for the Region will host a forum titled "Regional & National Financial Crises: Roots, Results & Responses," Friday, November 7, on the Princeton University campus. The first morning session will address the anatomy of the mortgage crisis and the macro-level and micro-level motivations and decisions that triggered the present phenomena. The second session will discuss the looming threats in the public finance arena as a result of sophisticated trade agreements. Details and registration can be viewed at www.princeton.edu/prior/events/conferences/regional-national-financi-1/index.xml

3. A conference on New Jersey history will be held at the Trenton Marriott on Saturday November 22, 2008. The forum will feature 20 papers and presentations by leading scholars in New Jersey history. Speakers will discuss the history of public health in the state; efforts to preserve and protect the state's historic landscapes; the development of suburbs; and the roles of women, families, and slaves during New Jersey's four centuries of recorded history. To find out more about the conference and how to register, visit www.newjerseyhistory.org or call the Historical Commission at 609-984-0902.

4. The NJRA Redevelopment Training Institute (NJRA RTI) offers intensive intermediate-level training modules that focus on the redevelopment of New Jersey's communities. The goal of NJRA RTI is to provide classroom instruction outlining the nuances of the redevelopment planning process, focus on real estate development and to unlock the key to understanding real estate finance. The programs, training dates and registration information can be found at www.njra.us/rti/site/default.asp.

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