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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: <http://Portal.NJ.Gov>

New Items:

1. Authority and Fire District Budgets: The Division of Local Government Services has posted budget documents for Fire Districts, Local Authorities, and Housing Authorities. The documents and the associated Local Finance Notices, 2008-17 and 2008-18 are on the Division website at [www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/authreg/authmenu.shtml](http://www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/authreg/authmenu.shtml).
2. 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:
  - 93rd Annual League of Municipalities Conference will be held at the Atlantic City Convention Center on November 18 - 20.
  - 2008 Governor's Workforce and Economic Development Conference will be held at Trump Plaza in Atlantic City December 1 - 3.
  - 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
3. Local Government Energy Audit Grant Program: The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities has announced the launch of a new program aimed at assisting local governments in identifying opportunities for energy efficiency. The Local Government Energy Audit Program is open to public buildings owned by local government agencies and will provide funding for investment-grade energy audits from one of five pre-qualified energy auditing firms. All local governments located within the service territory of at least one of New Jersey's public utility companies are eligible. Details and examples outlining the incentive payment process are provided on the New Jersey Clean Energy Program Web site at [www.NJCleanEnergy.com/ssb](http://www.NJCleanEnergy.com/ssb).
4. PARIS Grant Update: Important information about PARIS program year 2009/2010 and the use of the SAGE grant application tool is now available online: [www.njarchives.org/links/paris/info0910.html](http://www.njarchives.org/links/paris/info0910.html). You must register by November 10th for training sessions to be held the week of December 8th. Please contact the PARIS office at 609.530.3215 with any questions, including the status of your municipality's eligibility.
5. Information Technology Contracting: Organizations that have extended IT service contracts pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2008-16 ([www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/lfns/08lfns/2008-16.doc](http://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.

6. 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.

7. Women's History Month: 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](mailto:njacsw@dca.state.nj.us) or call (609) 292-8840.

8. Cyber Security Awareness: 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/njinfosecure/local/](http://www.nj.gov/njinfosecure/local/), a site developed and maintained by OIT's Statewide Office of Information Security (SOIS).

9. 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 15, 2008. This issue can be viewed online at: [www.nj.gov/dep/bulletin/bu2008\\_1015.pdf](http://www.nj.gov/dep/bulletin/bu2008_1015.pdf)

#### Conference Reminders

1. The New Jersey State League of Municipalities will be holding its 93rd Annual Conference at the Atlantic City Convention Center on November 18 - 20, 2008. "Challenges & Changes: A Time for New Ideas" will offer great opportunities to attend many diverse seminars, visit convention floor exhibits and casually meet with officials at a general consulting table session. For complete conference information please visit the League website at <http://www.njslom.org/93rdconf/93rd-conf-main.html>.

2. Governor Jon S. Corzine invites you to attend the 2008 Governor's Workforce and Economic Development Conference at Trump Plaza in Atlantic City December 1, 2008 - December 3, 2008. Attendees will participate in educational seminars with industry leaders, receive best practice models for workforce development, review state and federal programs available to New Jersey businesses / nonprofit organizations and learn how New Jersey businesses are adapting to the changing global economy. For more information and to register go to: [www.regonline.com/2008GovernorsConference](http://www.regonline.com/2008GovernorsConference).

3. 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](http://www.princeton.edu/prior/events/conferences/regional-national-financi-1/index.xml)

4. 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](http://www.newjerseyhistory.org) or call the Historical Commission at 609-984-0902.

5. 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](http://www.njra.us/rti/site/default.asp).

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