



-----Original Message-----

From: egg@dca.state.nj.us [mailto:egg@dca.state.nj.us]
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2008 11:41 AM
To: Lashway, Lisa
Subject: GovConnect Update: November 12, 2008

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. 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.
- Conference on New Jersey history
- NJRA Redevelopment Training Institute programs on redevelopment program development

2. Housing Stabilization Funds: The State of New Jersey received \$51,470,620 from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). The NSP provides funds to municipalities and for-profit/nonprofit developers to acquire and redevelop foreclosed properties that might otherwise become sources of abandonment and blight in targeted areas. In addition, the funds can be used to demolish and redevelop blighted structures that are not foreclosed upon or abandoned.

To obtain the funds, DCA must amend its annual Community Development Block Grant plan. The amendment, called an Action Plan, will be submitted to HUD by December 1, 2008. The amended plan is online at the Division of Housing's (<http://www.state.nj.us/dca/dh/>) website on November 3, 2008 for public comments. Comments can be forwarded to Sheri Malnak through November 19, 2008 at: NJ Department of Community Affairs, PO Box 051, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0051.

3. The Division of Local Government Services has released Local Finance Notice 2008-19 (www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/lfns/08lfns/2008-19.doc): Changes to Municipal Consolidation Law. Local officials wanting to know about the municipal consolidation process and the new Local Option Municipal Consolidation Law will find this of interest.

4. Award Notification for State of New Jersey Term Contract M-0002: A contract has been awarded to Grainger Industrial Supplies (Grainger), under the Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) for industrial and maintenance, repair and operating (MRO) equipment and supplies as permitted under N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2. Vendor contract number A72605 has been assigned, and is effective starting November 1, 2008 with an expiration date of November 30, 2009. The link to the Notice of Award is: www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/noa/contracts/m0002.shtml.

5. The Division of Taxation has released the latest PAMS Newsletter. A copy of the Fall 2008 issue can be viewed at:
www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/pdf/pamsvol/fall08newsletter.pdf.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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. Please contact the PARIS office at 609.530.3215 with any questions, including the status of your municipality's eligibility.

9. 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.

10. 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 or call (609) 292-8840.

11. 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 November 5, 2008. This issue can be viewed online at:
www.nj.gov/dep/bulletin/bu2008_1115.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.

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER: If your e-mail address changes please make the change to your GovConnect User Profile. If you change employers please send us the details by replying to this e-mail. Helpdesk 609.943.4724