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**Subject:** Cost Saving Ideas and two other items

**LEAGUE ALERT**

Municipal Clerk: Please forward to Mayor and Governing Body.

February 27, 2009

Re: I      **Cost Saving Ideas**

Re: II     **Governors Office of Economic Growth Resources**

Re: III    **Stimulus Transportation Funding News**

Dear Mayor:

During the Jan 24 NJLM Seminar for Newly Elected and ReElected officials there was a request for the League to collect cost saving ideas and make them available at the League web site.

These ideas are now accessible at <http://www.njslom.org/cost-savings.html> as a collection of article that appeared throughout 2008 in *New Jersey Municipalities* magazine.

They are available for download as PDF files. Feel free to share them with your colleagues.

Very truly yours,

William G. Dressel  
Executive Director

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Dear Mayor,

**Re: II    Governors Office of Economic Growth Resources**

On Tuesday, February 17, the League's Economic Development Task Force convened to discuss the New Jersey's economy and the future of economic development in the Garden State.

During the meeting, Jerry Zaro, Chief of the Governor's Office of Economic Growth Chief, highlighted the rich and broad array of financial incentives for companies large and small offered by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA). Many companies may not be aware of the wonderfully diverse and helpful programs the state has to offer. It would be enormously helpful if you would disseminate the enclosed summary of available EDA programs to your colleagues. This will help "advertise" our programs and help your membership to understand how they can better serve the businesses in their communities.

Under the direction of Governor Jon S. Corzine, the Office of Economic Growth is a "one-stop shop" for New Jersey businesses. We welcome the opportunity of becoming directly engaged with companies in addressing their problems, navigating the various agencies of State government, and solving problems quickly so that we can preserve and create new jobs here in New Jersey. Please encourage your membership to call upon the Office directly so that we can be helpful in this regard.

Detailed information on all of New Jersey's incentive and financial programs can be found on the Business Portal at [www.newjerseybusiness.gov](http://www.newjerseybusiness.gov). Should you have any additional questions or have projects on which you require assistance, we encourage you to reach out to the Governor's Office of Economic Growth at 609-777-0503 or the Economic Development Authority at 609-777-4471.

With all Good Wishes

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**Re: III Stimulus Transportation Funding News**

The Federal Highway Administration has released its official guidance on the economic recovery funding for highway funding.

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/economicrecovery/guidance.htm>

Many of you have questions about what the funds can be used for. **Here's the answer from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA): Funds may be used for restoration, repair, construction and other activities eligible under the Surface Transportation Program (STP) as defined within 23 U.S.C. 133(b), and for passenger and freight rail transportation and port infrastructure projects eligible for assistance under subsection 23 U.S.C. 601(a)(8).**

We know that many of you have been right in the middle of working with the state on allocation of this funding. The National League of Cities and the National Association of Counties met with FHWA representatives yesterday to talk through some of the issues and NLC hopes to have FHWA at its Congressional Cities Conference for a session on implementing the infrastructure dollars in the economic recovery program. If you have heard that the states will make the determination on projects for metropolitan areas for the first round of funds, that is due to the tremendous pressure FHWA is putting on them to get money out there or risk losing funds to another state. NLC will be happy to pass along any other issues you may be facing or find any further information you might need based on activity in our state.

NLC also met with DOT Secretary LaHood this week who is very interested in hearing how the intergovernmental partnership is working and what your experiences are in making this transportation funding flow. Please send us your stories – good and bad – and we will forward them to NLC, so we can track the successes of the stimulus.

If you access this letter on our website, we will post [a link to various transportation components of the Recovery Act and U.S. DOT websites](#) that you can visit for further information. Please pay close attention to the “Stipulations” column to see which categories might be able to assist you and your constituents.

After reviewing this information, please direct your questions and comments to Jon Moran at 609-695-3481, ext. 121.

Very truly yours,

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