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LEAGUE ALERT

Municipal Clerk: Please forward to Mayor and Governing Body.

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- Re: I 2009 NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust
 Financing Program Information Session - May
 14, 2009**
- Re: II League Co-Sponsors Mayors Clean
 Communities Council Conference**
- Re: III Important New Information from the Division
 of Local Government Services**

**Re: I. 2009 NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program Information
Session - May 14, 2009**

Dear Mayor:

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has scheduled an information session to discuss the 2009 New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program (NJEITFP). This meeting is for all applicants for projects posted on the priority lists on the DEP website (link on the home page under Featured Topics). It will be held at:

May 14, 2009, 10:00 a.m.
The Wyndham Princeton Forrestal Hotel and Conference Center
900 Scudders Mill Road
Plainsboro, New Jersey

Directions are available at:

<http://www.wyndham.com/hotels/EWRCC/mapanddirections/main.wnt>.

Borrowers, their engineers, bond counsel, and financial advisors are invited to attend this voluntary morning session. NJEIFP staff will discuss detailed aspects of the 2009 Financing

Program. Although staff will answer questions from the audience, attendees are encouraged to forward questions to staff@njeit.org prior to May 14 to aid the staff in developing discussion topics. Attendance is free, registration will be at the door, and beverages will be served.

For more information, please see the DEP website at www.dep.state.nj.us

Very truly yours,

William G. Dressel, Jr.
Executive Director

Re: II. League Co-Sponsors Mayors Clean Communities Council Conference

Dear Mayor:

The New Jersey Clean Communities Council is hosting the 6th Annual Clean Communities Seminar & Awards Banquet, May 19-21, 2009 in Newark. As part of the conference, NJLM is hosting a panel discussion on May 20, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Crystal Room of the Robert Treat Hotel. The topic is *to be green you have to be clean!*

Panelists confirmed are Mayors James Anzaldi, Clifton; A. Christian Bollwage; Elizabeth; Robert L. Bowser, East Orange; and Wayne Smith, Irvington. We are delighted that NJLM president Mayor Timothy McDonough will preside. The panel discussion will follow remarks by County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. and Mayor Cory A. Booker.

As you are aware, New Jersey Clean Communities is New Jersey's only statewide comprehensive litter abatement program with 559 towns and 21 counties receiving grant funds totally about \$18 million every year.

We hope you will plan to join us at the Robert Treat Hotel. It is an excellent opportunity to learn more about New Jersey Clean Communities and ask important questions about the use of funds in your town. There is no charge for mayors associated with the NJ State League of Municipalities to attend.

Please confirm your attendance by contacting the Clean Communities Council at njclean@comcast.net, or 609-989-5900.

Very truly yours,

William G. Dressel, Jr.
Executive Director

Re: III. Important New Information from the Division of Local Government Services

Dear Mayor:

1. New Jersey homeowners who were 65 or older, blind, or disabled as of December 31, 2008, will begin receiving their 2008 New Jersey homestead rebate Application Packets this week. Senior and disabled homeowner rebate applications must be filed by phone or online by June 21, 2009. The homeowner rebate automated telephone filing system (1-877-658-2972) and Internet filing application on the Division of Taxation Web site (www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/) will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week during the filing period. Homestead rebate checks are scheduled to be mailed to qualified applicants on or about July 31, 2009. Members of the public should be referred to 1-888-238-1233 or nj.homesteadrebate@treas.state.nj.us for assistance.

2. SOUTH JERSEY Energy Saving Resources Meeting: A South Jersey focused seminar has been scheduled to educate local officials about new and enhanced financial incentives for installing energy efficient equipment and conservation measures, incentives for renewable energy facilities, financing for capital improvements, rebates for energy audits, and technical assistance available to municipal governments. Join the Board of Public Utilities' Office of Clean Energy, in partnership with the DCA Division of Local Government Services, the League of Municipalities, and the new Sustainable Jersey Program, for an orientation program on Wednesday morning, May 27 at Rowan University. Details and registration information are being finalized for this session, so mark your calendar now and watch your e-mail for the details on this important event.

3. Identity Theft Rules Notice: Recently the U.S. Federal Trade Commission adopted rules affecting the way organizations that extend credit to their customers manage information about customers to prevent identity theft. Known as "Red Flag" rules, they cover government agencies that extend credit to their customers. Local Finance Notice 2009-9 (www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/lfns/09lfns/2009-9.doc) provides detailed information about the rule and steps affected government agencies should take to implement an internal red flag warning and response system. The Notice was recently revised to reflect the recent FTC action to delay implementation until August 1, 2009.

4. Public Employment Relations Commission: PERC has proposed temporary rules to implement the provisions of P.L.2009, c.16. That law allows NON-Civil Service law enforcement officers and firefighters who are terminated pursuant to a complaint or charges not involving any alleged violation of criminal law to have the option of having their terminations reviewed by means of binding arbitration. The text of the proposed temporary rules can be found on the Rulemaking page of the NJ PERC Web Site (<http://www.state.nj.us/perc/html/rulemaking.html>).

Comments on the Temporary Rules can be submitted by May 15, 2009 to: PERC Chairman,

Lawrence Henderson by fax (609)777-0089 or e mailto: lhenderson@perc.state.nj.us

5. COBRA Update: Group Coverage Continuation Premium Reduction: New federal law provides COBRA subsidies for employees who are involuntarily terminated between September 1, 2008 and December 31, 2009. This COBRA subsidy applies to all employers that maintain a group health plan. There are also special provisions for New Jersey employers with less than 20 employees. Local employers may also want to review this issue with their human resources or labor relation advisors. Information is available on the NJ Recovery Website (<http://recovery.nj.gov/recovery/programs/cobra.html>) and US Department of Labor site at (<http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/COBRA.html>).

If you have any questions or concerns about this communication, please contact Deborah M. Kole, Staff Attorney, at the League, Ex. 137, or at dkole@njslom.com

Very truly yours,

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