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Subject: From NJLM - Two Mayors Ltrs

LEAGUE ALERT

Municipal Clerk: Please forward to Mayor and Governing Body.

June 26, 2009

Re: I Ameripay Update

**Re: II EECBG APPLICATION DEADLINE
EXTENDED**

Re: I. Ameripay Update

Dear Mayor:

This is an update to our letter of June 17, 2009 concerning municipalities affected by Ameripay payroll processing service being placed into receivership by the US District Court. We have been informed that Ameripay's operations will be suspended as of June 30, 2009, and a petition for Chapter 7 bankruptcy will be filed shortly thereafter. For those municipalities using the services of Ameripay, please bear in mind two critical matters as a result of this course of action:

- Because Ameripay will not provide any payroll or tax services after June 30, 2009, you should transition to an alternate payroll service provider **immediately**. A handbook and Local Finance Notice addressing payroll servicing and agency matters issued by the Division of Local Government Services is online at www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/research/reschmenu.shtml#3rdParty

Consideration should also be given to working through banks or using provisions of the Local Public Contracts law to contract with a new service provider.

- To the extent your employees have been or will be paid, through June 30, 2009, with checks drawn on Ameripay accounts, please instruct those employees to deposit their checks immediately. **Any Ameripay checks that remain uncashed as of the date on**

which the Chapter 7 petition is filed will not be honored.

Upon the commencement of the Chapter 7 proceeding, a bankruptcy trustee will be appointed to administer Ameripay's estate. If your municipality used Ameripay and has been harmed, consult your municipal attorney about bankruptcy claims.

Very truly yours,

William G. Dressel, Jr.
Executive Director

Re: II. EECBG APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED

Dear Mayor:

We have just learned that **the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has extended the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) application deadline until Aug. 10 at 8 pm.** According to DOE, they will also be releasing more guidance on this next week. DOE urges applicants to apply as early as possible.

The notice is available at www.fedconnect.net, under Reference Number DE-FOA-0000013.

Originally, applications for direct Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funding from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) were due to be submitted by 8: P.M. (EDST), yesterday, June 25.

DOE had previously announced an amendment to the EECBG Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) regarding the use of FedConnect. DOE prefers that applications be submitted through FedConnect, and in the event that you are having difficulties uploading your application using this system, please call FedConnect Support at 1-800-899-6665. However, if FedConnect cannot resolve your issue, applications may also now be submitted via email to eecbg@netl.doe.gov, with the subject line **"EECBG Application (Unique Identification Code)."** Please note: if you have submitted your application to FedConnect already and received a confirmation, please do NOT also send your application via email, so as to avoid duplicates.

Additionally, DOE has established an appeals process for the EECBG program. The scope of appealable issues is limited to DOE determinations of eligibility for direct formula grants for units of local governments. Appeals will be adjudicated by the DOE Office of Hearings and

Appeals. If an appeal is successful, the applicant will be provided the opportunity to submit an application consistent with the requirements announced in the EECBG Funding Opportunity Announcement.

We thank the National League of Cities' (NLC) Senior Legislative Counsel, Carolyn Berndt, for keeping us up to the minute on this important funding opportunity.

For more information, call Jon Moran at 609-695-3481, ext. 121.

Very truly yours,

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