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Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2009 3:46 PM
To: Lashway, Lisa
Subject: Two Mayors Ltrs

LEAGUE ALERT

Municipal Clerk: Please forward to Mayor and Governing Body.

September 10, 2009

Re: I Arts Build Communities

Re: II U.S. EPA Workshop on Brownfields Clean-up Grants

Re: I. Arts Build Communities

Dear Mayor:

In the past two weeks, you should have received a letter from the Arts Build Communities initiative at Rutgers University inviting you to one of two focus groups later this month. I hope that you will participate.

Arts Build Communities works to help leaders make more cost-effective choices about arts and community and economic development. The New Jersey State League of Municipalities is a keystone partner in this effort.

If you have already RSVP'd by the time you receive this letter, thank you. If not, please let the ABC staff know by **September 15** if you would like to participate. There is a focus group at the Watchung Arts Center on September 23, from 7 to 8:30 pm. The other focus group will be at the Count Basie Theater on September 30, from 7 to 8:30 pm.

Both meetings are only for elected officials who are invited because they have shown support for the arts. Amy Simon of the New Jersey Arts Incubator will facilitate the focus groups.

Please RSVP at your earliest convenience to Swena Gulati, Program Manager, Rutgers University Professional Development Institute at 732-932-3822, x636 or swena@eden.rutgers.edu <<mailto:swena@eden.rutgers.edu>>

You can learn more about Arts Build Communities at <http://www.policy.rutgers.edu/pdi/abc>

Very truly yours,

William G. Dressel, Jr.
Executive Director

RE: II. U.S. EPA Workshop on Brownfields Clean-up Grants

Dear Mayor:

US EPA, with the support of NJ DEP, is hosting a workshop designed to assist local governments and non-profit organizations to learn about the 2010 EPA Brownfields grant opportunities and to understand the proposal criteria and selection process for the EPA Brownfields Assessment, Cleanup and Revolving Loan Fund grants. The following topics will be addressed during the workshop:

- 1) The different EPA brownfields grant types and candidates eligible to apply.
- 2) The grant application process and the threshold and ranking criteria.
- 3) Proposal tips and strategies.

These grants have been used successfully through New Jersey to advance the remediation and reuse of brownfield sites. They also represent an opportunity to put your federal tax dollars to work here in New Jersey. We encourage you to attend the workshop make application for these funds. EPA staff will be available after the presentation to conduct one-on-one assistance on specific brownfields sites.

The workshop will take place:

September 24, 2009

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Fifth Floor Conference Room
401 E State Street
Trenton, New Jersey
9:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.

Registration is free of charge! For questions about registering, please contact Amy Kochanowsky at (703) 284-6232. To register, please complete the attached registration form. You may return it by fax, e-mail or mail to **Amy Kochanowsky**, SRA International, Inc. 3434 Washington Blvd. Room 5117 Arlington, VA EPA_Region2@sra.com Fax: 703-284-1377

Attached to this message is a copy of the workshop registration form. (Registration in WORD <http://www.njslom.com/registration-092409-OutreachWorkshopsRegForm.doc>
Registration in PDF <http://www.njslom.com/registration-092409-OutreachWorkshopsRegForm.pdf>)

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