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**State of New Jersey**

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**ATTENTION ALL PUBLIC AGENCIES**

On Friday, August 28, 2009, Governor Corzine signed Executive Order No. 151 which enhances inclusion efforts for minorities and women to benefit from the New Jersey Economic Assistance and Recovery Plan and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The Executive Order includes a provision which expands the pool of funding for the New Jersey Builders Utilization Initiative for Labor Diversity (NJ Build) Program to include contributions from independent authorities, colleges and universities who award contracts funded entirely with appropriated funds or a combination of funds from appropriated and other sources. These entities now join all state agencies in funding construction trades training for minorities and women, effective immediately.

All State government agencies, independent authorities, colleges and universities must allocate one half of one percent of the total cost of their construction projects which are equal or greater than \$1 million for the training of minorities and women in the construction trades. The training fund allocation must be transmitted immediately upon award of the public contract to the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Attention: Joseph Latoof, at P.O. Box 955, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0955.

Although local government agencies are not required to make a funding commitment, they are still subject to EEO in public contracting requirements and may voluntarily contribute to the construction trades training program. Local government agencies that want to voluntarily contribute to the construction trades training program should also transmit their training fund contribution to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development at the above address.

In addition, state agencies, independent authorities, colleges and universities must send written notification to the Division of Public Contracts EEO Compliance advising that the training fund allocation has been made. The written notification must be provided immediately upon award of the contract. It should identify the contract, contractor, the total cost of the project, the amount of the one half of one percent training fund allocation and the date it was transmitted to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development. Agencies should submit the written notification to the New Jersey Department of the Treasury, Division of Public Contracts EEO Compliance at P.O. Box 209, Trenton, NJ 08625-0209. Note that this written notification is a public agency audit requirement.

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact the Division at 609-292-5473.