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**LEAGUE ALERT**

Municipal Clerk: Please forward to Mayor and Governing Body.

5-5-2008-2

RE: I Important New Information  
from the Division of Local  
Government Services

RE: II Paid Family Leave

RE: III Follow Up on Childcare Survey

Dear Mayor:

We would like to draw your attention to some important new information on the website of the Division of Local Government Services.

1. LFN 2008-9 ([www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/lfns/08lfns/2008-9.doc](http://www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/lfns/08lfns/2008-9.doc) ) updates Division guidance on using online auction services for the sale of surplus public property. The guidance simplifies previous procedures and takes effect immediately.

2. LFN 2008-10 ([www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/lfns/08lfns/2008-10.doc](http://www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/lfns/08lfns/2008-10.doc) ) provides important information regarding the new Defined Contribution Retirement Program that affects various local unit employees. It contains the guidance adopted by the Local Finance Board concerning positions that are covered under the DCRP system.

3. Job Opportunities:

City of Camden Finance Director. Under the direction of the City Chief Operating Officer, the Director of Finance will be responsible for all aspects of the financial operations for the City. Candidates must possess a Master's Degree in Business Administration and/or be a CPA. Candidates may substitute local government finance director experience for the required degree or CPA. Extensive local government accounting

experience, a minimum of 6 years (at least 4 of which must be in a management capacity) is required. Candidates must possess an active New Jersey Municipal Finance Officer Certification, or be able to obtain this license within 2 years of hire. Complete job description and application instructions are online at:

[www.state.nj.us/treasury/administration/JobOp/EmpOp.htm](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/administration/JobOp/EmpOp.htm) .

Staff Auditor and Staff/Senior IT Auditors, Office of the State Comptroller: Staff Auditors are responsible for conducting performance audits of state agencies/local governments in accordance with Government Auditing Standards. IT Auditors are responsible for developing and carrying out risk based IT audit procedures to meet the objectives of audits of state agencies and local governments performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and for assisting in maintaining the Audit Division's IT infrastructure.

Details are online at

[www.nj.gov/comptroller/employment/index.html](http://www.nj.gov/comptroller/employment/index.html) .

4. New Jersey homeowners who were 65 or older, blind, or disabled as of December 31, 2007, will begin to receive their 2007 New Jersey homestead rebate application packets the first week of May. Homestead rebate checks are scheduled to be mailed to qualified applicants on or about July 31, 2008. The Rebate automated telephone filing system (1-877-658-2972) and Internet filing system ([www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/)) will be available 24 / 7 during the filing period. Assistance is available by calling the Homestead Rebate Hotline at 1-888-238-1233.

5. The NJ State League of Municipalities presents the professional development seminar, "Are You in Compliance with the Pay to Play and Ethics Regulations?" to be held on Monday, May 12 at The Enterprise Center at Burlington County College. The cost for Members is \$75.00 and \$150.00 for Non-Members. For more information call Karen E. Venditti, CMP at (609) 695-3481, ext. or via email at [kvenditti@njslom.com](mailto:kvenditti@njslom.com). To register, visit [www.njslom.com](http://www.njslom.com) and click on the Calendar.

**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](mailto:dkole@njslom.com)**

Very truly yours,

William G. Dressel, Jr.  
Executive Director

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RE: II Paid Family Leave

Dear Mayor:

Last Friday, May 2nd, New Jersey became the third state in the Nation to adopt a Paid Family Leave Law upon signing by Governor Corzine.

The new law extends the State's existing Temporary Disability Insurance program (TDI) to provide up to six weeks of benefits to employees when they take leave to care for a sick family member or to be with the employee's newborn or newly adopted children.

The Paid Family Leave Act applies to all private and governmental employers subject to the unemployment compensation law and is strictly an **employee funded benefit program**.

We have been informed by the State Department of Labor, the lead agency responsible for writing the regulations and implementation procedures, that **all employers** will receive continuous educational memos and notices throughout this process. The first explanatory notice to employers is expected in early fall. The employer handbook is also being updated for distribution. The new assessment on employee wages will begin January 1, 2009. Payment of family leave benefits commences on July 1, 2009.

The Governor's statement accompanied by a fact sheet on the new law can be accessed at [www.nj.gov](http://www.nj.gov). Look under News Headlines and click *Governor Signs Historic Family*

You may direct questions to Helen Yeldell at (609)695-3481 ext 112 or [hyeldell@njslom.com](mailto:hyeldell@njslom.com).

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

William G. Dressel, Jr.  
Executive Director

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RE: III Follow Up on Childcare Survey

This is a follow up to our letter of April 18th informing you of the partnership between your League and the NJ Child Care Economic Impact Council under the leadership of Thomas Edison College. The purpose of this partnership is to begin a conversation with mayors and municipal leaders about the link between economic development and the childcare industry and to determine, through a survey, the areas of technical assistance that can be offered to municipalities.

Though many of you have responded to the short survey on this most important issue, we see the need to provide a further opportunity for all of you to respond. Therefore, the deadline for survey submission has been extended to May 16, 2008. We greatly appreciate your assistance in this endeavor.

The survey can be accessed directly from [our letter of April 18, entitled Mayors Survey on Childcare](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Ana Berdecia, Co-Chair of the NJ  
Childcare Economic Impact Council at (609)777-4351 ext. 4290.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

William G. Dressel, Jr.  
Executive Director

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