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Dear Municipal Clerk:

Stay "connected" to recent developments in New Jersey state government and login into GovConnect at <http://Portal.NJ.Gov> where you can also check our Continuing Education Course Calendar online at: www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dlgs/programs/certification.html. The following news items are a summary of recent EGG notices issued by the Division of Local Government Services and a schedule of upcoming professional conferences. Also included, is a comprehensive section for Planning Grants and Assistance.

1. 2013 Financial Disclosure Statements: LFN 2013-14R

Local Finance Notice 2013-14R (www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dlgs/resources/fds.html) provides detailed Filing Instructions for Local Government Officers to submit 2013 Financial Disclosure Statements using the new online filing process. The filing deadline has been extended to May 31, 2013. Rosters should not be submitted to the Local Finance Board until after the Division releases a future local finance notice specifically concerning rosters.

2. FY 2014 Local Employer Pension Bills

On April 15, 2013, the Christie Administration issued a press release regarding Fiscal Year 2014 pension bills for local governments across the state. These bills provide the formal actuarial assessment of pension costs to each local government with employees in the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) and the Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS). Detailed information can be viewed online at: www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/2014-employer-billing.shtml.

3. Budget Hearing Dates

The Division is experiencing a large amount of budget hearing dates for the weeks of 4/22 and 4/29. If you are under state review this year and you do not hear from a budget examiner, you would hold your public hearing and take no action on the budget. We will make every effort to complete by your next municipal meeting dates. Those municipalities that are conducting local examination, can proceed with budget adoption.

4. Executive Order Requirement to Apply for Community Disaster Loans

On March 15, Governor Christie signed Executive Order 128 (<http://nj.gov/infobank/circular/eocc128.pdf>). Those municipalities, counties, school districts, fire districts and local authorities that can reasonably estimate revenue losses of more than 5% in 2013 due to Superstorm Sandy's impacts on ratables and other revenue sources are REQUIRED to apply for a (FEMA) Federal Community Disaster Loan. The APPLICATION DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED through May 15, 2013. Please review Local Finance Notice 2013-12 (<http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dlgs/lfns/13/2013-12.pdf>) for further information. If you have questions about whether your local unit should apply, please contact Jason Martucci, the Division's Community Disaster Loan Coordinator, by email to Jason.Martucci@dca.state.nj.us. If you have not begun the application process, please do so by following the instructions in Local Finance Notice 2013-8 (<http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dlgs/lfns/13/2013-8.pdf>).

5. Submission of Delinquent Property Tax List

The Homestead Property Tax Credit Act requires municipalities to provide the Division of Taxation with a list of property taxpayers in their district who are delinquent in the payment of their property taxes for the preceding year. (N.J.S.A. 54:4-8.64) This list must be submitted to the Division of Taxation NO LATER THAN May 1, 2013. For questions, please contact the Division's Homestead Benefit Program Analyst, Lara Casper, at (609) 292-8590 or lara.casper@treas.state.nj.us.

6. Current Year (2011) Homestead Benefit Program

The Division of Taxation has updated their website (www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/homestead/geninf.shtml) to reflect information regarding the Current Year (2011) Homestead Benefit Program. Most eligible homeowners will receive their 2011 homestead benefit as a credit applied to property tax bills in August 2013. Those homeowners who either sold their home prior to filing the homestead benefit application, or whose principal residence was a unit in a co-op or continuing care retirement community will be issued a benefit in the form of a check or direct deposit in August 2013. Tenants will not receive a 2011 rebate. The deadline for filing 2011 applications was December 14, 2012. For questions, please contact Pat Turin of the Division of Local Government Services at 609-292-6858 or e-mail Pat.Turin@dca.state.nj.us.

7. Division of Pensions and Benefits? Online Guide to Retirement

Get the information you need and save time and travel by using the Division of Pensions and Benefits' Online Guide to Retirement. This guide includes new video presentations with the important information you need to know before you retire / easy navigation for viewing the entire guide or browse by individual topic / links to fact sheets, forms, and to other retirement resources to provide you with in-depth information. To find out everything you need to know about retirement go to: www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/retirement/

PLANNING GRANTS and ASSISTANCE

Academic and non-profit organizations are offering a variety of resources for communities to begin rebuilding from the devastation of Superstorm Sandy. Following is a brief summary of some of those options available for those who may be looking for planning assistance. Municipalities are invited to review the opportunities and contact the person listed or visit the listed website for additional information. These opportunities are being made available for your use, and do not constitute an endorsement by the Division of any program or organization.

1. New Jersey Institute of Technology: is working to recover and (re)build sustainable and resilient homes, businesses and public facilities and has established a program to develop designs and models for resilient housing, mixed-use development and public buildings; created Center for Resilient Design and a clearinghouse of information and contacts for citizens, elected officials, businesses and other academic institutions with roundtables for public officials with design, engineering and construction experts; and organized Rebuild New Jersey Strong ? an "Alternative Spring Break" which provides volunteer opportunities for college students to participate in various projects. Contact: Tom Dallessio, Resilient Design Project Manager at Thomas.g.dallessio@njit.edu or 973-596-5872.
2. Barnegat Bay Partnership: Provides technical assistance, advice and direction to municipal and local officials regarding water quality, habitat restoration and a variety of environmental issues, including New Jersey Flood Mapper?online mapping tool to assess risk. Incorporates flood depths, Advisory Base Flood Elevations; Getting to Resilience self-assessment? Interactive site where municipality establishes an account to help with municipal planning in order to become more resilient for future activities; and assisting communities with technical questions such as whether dredging the bay will resolve flooding problems. Contact: Martha Maxwell-Doyle at mmdoyle@ocean.edu or 732-914-8108.
3. American Institute of Architects New Jersey Chapter: Can assist Disaster Assistance Workers to perform initial damage assessment; Remove confusion about how to read ABFE maps; Architects can assist municipalities draft zoning ordinance to incorporate changes due to ABFE (e.g. height, lot coverage); Assist overwhelmed building departments with plan review. Contact: Joseph Simonetta, Executive Director AIA/NJ, at jsimonetta@njpsi.com or (609) 393-5690 or www.aia-nj.org.
4. The College of New Jersey: Sustainable Jersey is a policy coordination program that provides tools, training and grants to assist communities in becoming Sustainable Jersey certified by holding workshops with BPU on new Sandy energy incentives to rebuild "green;" partnering with Together North Jersey on resiliency planning; coordinating with NJ EDA on economic recovery & climate resilient economic development; providing education and direct technical assistance on sustainable redevelopment; and holding regional workshops free of charge. Contact: Randall Solomon, Co-Director at (609) 771-2290 or info@sustainablejersey.com; www.SustainableJersey.com.

5. American Planning Association (New Jersey Chapter): Organization of 1100 practicing professional planners providing community planning services for mitigation and recovery through coordination, outreach and technical assistance; training workshops on mitigation and recovery planning; and planning services with a multidisciplinary team of pro bono experts in Community Planning Assistance Teams. Contact: www.njplanning.org or 732-932-5475 ext. 731.
6. Urban Land Institute: Diverse membership of architects, bankers, insurance, planners, engineers. Can conduct a series of technical assistance panels (TAPs)- bring in a group of experts to look at a particular problem or projects and create a report. Contact: susan.baaltake@uli.org; mara.winokur@uli.org and/or gerri.lipp@uli.org or call 856-428-ULI-7.
7. Trust for Public Land: National non-profit land conservation works with public agencies and nonprofit partners to identify potential conservation projects, then negotiates with landowners willing to sell and arranges for transfer to an agency for ownership and maintenance as park or protected natural area; mobilizes funding for acquisitions. Contact Anthony Cucchi, NJ State Director, at 973-292-1100 ext. 16 or Anthony.cucchi@tpl.org. Provides research and technical assistance to local governments to help identify funding and acquire flood prone land and protect natural land through buyouts and mitigation. Contact Tom Gilbert, Senior Conservation Finance Director, at 267-483-8154 or tom.gilbert@tpl.org.
8. Boat Owners Association of The United States: The Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) program agency has a \$6 million surplus available for a competitive matching grant program for waterfront communities. Issuing a second call for applications for fiscal year 2013, found at <http://www.boatus.com/gov/BIG.asp>. For more information, visit <http://www.boatus.com/pressroom/release.asp?id=882>.
9. Additional Federal Agency Grant Programs
- NOAA Climate Program Office - \$17 million - For more information, visit <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=ZtTQQzVNwtbp1bQ7S4NNLNFhWK1f5QwgF0QpBkLmwpMtjhQQ2dTk!1702133586?oppId=213994&mode=VIEW>
 - EPA Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grants - \$2.4 million - For more information, visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=DD7LRnWLyP3yXQ3p2JLQQxP613yRps0tyG0xn7q2krSdnczLDh1H!-1879260429?oppId=223174&mode=VIEW>
 - NOAA Sea Grant Community Climate Adaptation Initiative 2013 - \$1 million - For more information, visit <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=cmr5R2NQx0PgRv8htSgWvtqvGSXn2GWQpxHPkDDx6yDnFZ7QR8pb!-517384201?oppId=223153&mode=VIEW>
 - EDA Economic Development Assistance Programs Federal Funding Opportunity - Total funding available TBD - For more information, visit <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=knDpQzXGJ6gWnzy1h6Tn3D1fjKBNK9Fw40v1TDWx3xrJGpLpCN4!-861966415?oppId=208353&mode=VIEW>
 - In addition, please visit the Calendar of 2013 EPA grant opportunities http://www.epa.gov/ogd/training/resources_for_communities/community_grants_table.htm that may be of particular interest to communities.
10. Research Grants Related to Hurricane Sandy Recovery - Deadline: May 20, 2013: The Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response is accepting applications for research grants to study lessons learned during Hurricane Sandy recovery. State and local governments, schools, nonprofits, and higher education institutions are eligible for grants of up to \$500,000. Topics of research could include community resilience, long-term recovery, health system response, and social media use. For more information or to apply, visit the grant Web site:

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=XJp1RnVQFTLLv95TQQ4yGCxB2JpWyM6TPh7DkYFvvnvzhQHN3L219!657861682?oppId=229214&mode=VIEW>.

11. Local Sustainability Matching Fund - Application Deadline May 22, 2013: The purpose of the Local Sustainability Matching Fund is twofold: to catalyze partnerships between local government sustainability directors and local, place-based foundations, including community foundations, and to advance important community-based sustainability initiatives. The Fund will provide partnership investments between \$25,000 and \$75,000, with a 1:1 match required by one or more local foundations. Please visit www.fundersnetwork.org/participate/green-building/local-sustainability-matching-fund/ for information and to apply. You may contact Ann Wallace at ann@fundersnetwork.org or 617-524-9239 for more information.

12. Save the Children Launches Hurricane Sandy Recover Grant Program: seeks to assist child-focused entities that experienced significant damage or interruption of business and programs due to Hurricane Sandy. Open to child care programs and K-12 Schools; Grants will be awarded in increments of \$5,000, with a maximum allotment of \$50,000 per applicant. Visit www.savethechildren.org/USCenter to apply.

CONFERENCES

1. New Jersey Disaster Recovery Workshop

Is a one-Day Intensive Workshop on Community Rebuilding After Superstorm Sandy hosted by DCA's Local Planning Services and New Jersey Redevelopment Authority and sponsored by Enterprise Community Partners, Inc., a national charitable organization that provides expertise for affordable housing and sustainable communities. The event will be held on May 1, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission, 1 DeKorte Park Plaza, Lyndhurst, NJ. Register online at <http://njdisasterrecoveryworkshop.eventbrite.com>.

2. 44th Annual Public Purchasing Educational Forum

Rutgers University will be holding its 44th Annual Public Purchasing Educational Forum on May 1 & 2, 2013 at the Sheraton Atlantic City Convention Center Hotel. The event is co-sponsored with the New Jersey Association of County Purchasing Officials, as well as the Northern and Southern NJ Chapters of the Institute of Governmental Purchasing. The Forum will present sessions of interest to, and continuing education credit contact hours for, QPAs, CMFOs, RMCs, CPWMs and CTCs, as well as RPPOs and RPPSs. There is a 1-day option available for those unable to attend both days. The brochure, including agenda, registration form and additional details is available at: <http://cgs.rutgers.edu/programs/public-purchasing> For additional information, contact Kathi Cupano via email at cupano@rutgers.edu.

3. 2013 NJ Historic Preservation Conference

The New Jersey Historic Trust, an affiliate of the Department of Community Affairs, will co-host the 2013 NJ History and Historic Preservation Conference on June 6 at The Newark Museum. The conference, "Enriching Place", will explore the many ways in which stewardship of our historic places and collections enrich our communities for the future. Educational sessions and workshop will cover topics including disaster planning and recovery, urban archaeology, best practices for historic preservation commissions, riverfront development, GIS planning, tours of Newark's downtown development and historic

neighborhoods and more. The full day conference includes educational sessions, field workshops, a vendor exhibit area and an evening reception. The Early Bird Registration rate of \$65 is available until May 1, 2013. For more information, visit <http://www.state.nj.us/dca/preservationconference/> or contact the Historic Trust at (609) 984-0473 or njht@dca.state.nj.us.

4. NJLM Mini One Day Conference

On June 14, 2013 at the Conference Center at Mercer in West Windsor, the League will offer a Mini One Day Conference. This event will feature about 10 educational sessions on a wide range of topics including Shared Services, Elections, Licensing, Estimated Tax Billing, Social Media, Emergency Purchasing, and Ethics to name a few. Many attendees will be able to earn up to 8 CEU credits in one day. The Mini Conference will run from 8:30am - 5:00pm with registration beginning at 7:30am. To learn more about this program and credits please visit: www.njslom.org/seminar-documents/2013-june-14-mini-conf.html

5. 85th Annual Governor's Occupational Safety and Health Awards Program

This annual program is sponsored by the NJ State Industrial Safety Committee in partnership with the NJ State Safety Council and the NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development. Again this year, the Committee has agreed to sponsor the \$50 registration fee for any public employer who wishes to participate. For details including dates and locations please visit http://lwd.dol.state.nj.us/labor/forms_pdfs/lse/OSH-201.pdf. For questions, please contact Theresa Kramarz by phone at (609) 984-4738 or by email to tkramarz@dol.state.nj.us.

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