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From: egg@dca.state.nj.us [mailto:egg@dca.state.nj.us]
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2015 2:23 PM
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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.

1. LFN 2015-08: States of Emergency Relating to Snow Storms

Governor Christie recently signed two executive orders declaring States of Emergency for the response and recovery efforts required by various snow storms occurring on: January 26, 2015 and March 5, 2015. Local Finance Notice 2015-08 (www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dlgs/lfns/15/2015-08.pdf) addresses matters relating to financing and procurement with respect to these declared emergencies.

2. CY 2015/SFY 2016 State Aid Certification

The Division issued Local Finance Notice 2015-07 (www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dlgs/lfns/15/2015-07.pdf) on February 26th outlining the state aid for CY 2015/SFY 2016 as funded in the Governor's Budget Presentation on February 24th. The individual certification of state aid amounts, which are to be used in the preparation of the CY 2015 budgets are also available on the DLGS website under Municipal State Aid.

3. LFN 2015-05: 2015 Annual Financial Disclosure Statement

Local Finance Notice 2015-05 (www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dlgs/lfns/15/2015-05.pdf) contains important information concerning the annual financial disclosure statement filing process. The deadline to complete roster updates is March 27, 2015. A separate Local Finance Notice (LFN 2015-06) will be released later this week for distribution to Local Government Officers. The deadline for LGO filing is April 30, 2015. If you have questions that are not addressed in LFN 2015-05 or on any of the Help pages, please call the Local Finance Board staff at 609-292-4537.

4. Tax Collector: Files for Processing Homestead Benefit Tax Credits

Municipalities should start processing and mailing 2nd quarter 2015 adjusted tax bills for recipients of 2012 Homestead Benefit Credits. Your tax collection vendor has received the files for their review and distribution. Please contact them to proceed with this process. Tax Collectors can access a "2015 Homestead Benefit Credits" verification form (PDF) that is posted in the Tax Collector Document Library. The information on the PDF should be compared to the information received from your vendor to ensure that all the eligible properties are correctly credited. With the release of the homestead benefit adjusted tax bills, collectors are reminded that homestead credits that have been applied to properties for the second (May 2015) quarter are not to be transferred or otherwise altered due to change in homeownership. It has been determined that the Homestead Benefit Credit information can be treated as public information, once adjusted tax bills are produced. This means that normal business rules and public records policies apply. For questions, please contact Pat Turin at 609-292-6858 or pat.turin@dca.nj.gov or Margaret Saharic at 609-984-4185 or margaret.saharic@dca.nj.gov.

CONFERENCES

1. (March 25) New Jersey GMIS Technology Education Conference

New Jersey GMIS, the association of local government technology managers is having its annual Technology Education Conference on March 25 at The Palace in Franklin Township (Somerset County). Running from 8:30-4:30, the conference is a great opportunity for people responsible for managing the technology in your organization to get caught up on recent technology management knowledge, network with peers, and have ample time to talk to vendors about products and services. This year's programs cover a wide gamut of interests with sessions on responding to data breaches, new security information from the State's Office of Homeland Security, how to use state and local cooperative technology contracts, surviving an IT audit and penetration/intrusion test, social media issues, how to manage technology risks, and more. Information is available online at: <http://tinyurl.com/njgmis-tec2015>. Recipients are asked to please share this with appropriate staff in your organization.

2. (March 28) Primer for Historic Preservation Commissions

"A Primer for Historic Preservation Commissions" will be held on March 28, 2015 at Kean University Ocean County Campus from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm. This one-day workshop is open to all preservationists, but specifically geared toward those serving on a local commission and relevant for planning boards, zoning boards and elected officials. The course provides an in-depth examination of current topics and issues relevant to integrating preservation into community planning and zoning. Earn continuing education credits and satisfy certified local government requirements for annual training. Full workshop details and registration are available at: <https://sites.google.com/a/kean.edu/preservation-in-practice/>. For questions, please contact Jonathan Mercantini, Ph.D., Chair, Department of History at Kean University at (908) 737-0258 or jmercant@kean.edu.

3. (April 15-17) Governmental Purchasing Association: Spring Symposium

The Governmental Purchasing Association will be holding its Annual Spring Symposium April 15-17, 2015, at the Tropicana Conference Center & Hotel in Atlantic City, NJ. Topics to be covered include Ethics, State Contracts, Green Purchasing, Records Management, Cooperative Contracts, Social Media and Technology, Prevailing Wage Compliance, Best Practices, and a Legislative Update. There is a concurrent session in which attendees can attend either the Fundamentals of Public School Purchasing or Local Public Contracts Law, depending on their specialty. Meals are included in the registration fee and one day registration is available for those who cannot attend the entire conference. CEU's and/or Credit Hours have been approved for QPA, RPPO/RPPS, RMC, CMFO/CCFO, CWPM, CTC and NJWEA. The brochure, schedule, registration form and additional details is available at: <http://www.gpanj.com>. For questions, please contact Linda Carpenter by email to conference-registration@gpani.com

4. (April 29-30) Rutgers Public Purchasing Educational Forum

Rutgers University Center for Government Services is holding its 46th Annual Public Purchasing Educational Forum on April 29 and 30, 2015 at the Sheraton Atlantic City Convention Center Hotel. The event is co-sponsored with the Northern and Southern NJ Chapters of the Institute of Governmental Purchasing as well as the New Jersey Association of County Purchasing Officials. CUEs have been approved and there is a 1-day option available for those unable to attend both days. Agenda details and the registration form are available at: <http://cgs.rutgers.edu/publicpurchasing>. For additional information, please contact Kathi Cupano by email to cupano@rutgers.edu.

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