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Dear GovConnect Colleague:

There's a lot going on so keep up-to-date with each issue of GovConnect News. For all the details login to GovConnect now at: <http://Portal.NJ.Gov>.

New Items:

1. Test Date Change for April 2010 Registered Municipal Clerk Exam: Due to a scheduling conflict with the School Board Election, the date of the next Registered Municipal Clerks exam has been changed from April 21 to April 28, 2010. Please inform all those in your office who may be applying for the exam. Any question, please e-mail dkaminski@dca.state.nj.us or call 609-292-9757.

2. The Division recently released two new Local Finance Notices with applicability to all local units:

2010-9 provides guidance specific to agencies operating under the Local Public Contracts Law and Public School Contracts Law. It covers the application of the State Comptroller's Best Practices recommendation for competitive contracting and other non-lowest responsible bid procurement practices. Online at: www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/lfns/10lfns/2010-09.doc.

2010-10 provides important guidance that affects all new contracts for collection and transportation of most solid waste and recyclables. P.L. 2009, c. 88, effective July 15, 2009, requires that these contracts include requirements for contractors to provide periodic wage reports to the contracting agency. The law affects all government agencies. Online at: www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/lfns/10lfns/2010-10.doc.

3. The Division has posted CY 2010 State Aid Certifications on the web at: <http://www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/muniaid/aidmenu.shtml>. Local Finance Notice 2010-8 (www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/lfns/10lfns/2010-08.doc) goes into detail about the

aid certification and policies included in Governor Christie's proposed budget.

4. DCA Special Improvement District Inventory Survey: we would like to thank the Municipal Clerk's who have already submitted answers to our four-question survey regarding Special/Business/Downtown Improvement Districts within their municipality. If you have not already done so, please take a few minutes now to update the DCA by answering this vital survey which can be found at:

<http://www.rsvme.com/wsb.dll/2363/20100307230037093.htm?id=mpfeiffer@dca.state.nj.us>. For questions or assistance with completing the survey, please contact Jef Buehler at jefb@dca.state.nj.us or 609-633-9769.

5. Local Finance Notice 2010-7 (www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/lfns/10lfns/2010-07.doc) "2009 Tax Lien Law Revision - P.L. 2009, c. 320" reviews the entire law and summarizes each change to the Law. Tax Collectors and other interested parties may want to attend one of the seminars on the law that will be announced in the coming months.

Conferences:

1. NJ-GMIS, the State's association of government technology leaders, is hosting its 1st Annual Technology Education Conference on April 21 at The Palace at Somerset Park in Somerset, NJ. This first of its kind event is designed for New Jersey's municipal, K-12 school, county, and state agency IT leaders from around the state. Session topics include Emergency Services and Technology, an Update on the State Broadband plan, updates on State GIS, construction permitting, digital tax maps, Disaster Recovery, Security, Cloud Computing and Social Media as well as vendors who will be exhibiting throughout the event. Registration at reduced rates is now open by visiting the NJGMIS website at www.njgmis.org/conference.html.

Reminders:

1. The Division of Taxation recently mailed applications for the 2009 property tax reimbursement (PTR) program to senior citizens and disabled residents who may be eligible. The deadline for filing the applications is June 1, 2010. PUBLIC INQUIRIES should be referred to 800-882-6597 or e-mail nj.taxation@treas.state.nj.us.

2. Local Finance Notice 2010-6, "Review of New Local Financial and General Government Laws - February 2010" covers laws enacted at the end of the last Legislative Session. The Notice (www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/lfns/10lfns/2010-06.doc) discusses a variety of new laws affecting municipal clerks, finance officers, tax collectors, and other officials. Please review it and share it with other officials as appropriate to your organization.

3. Local Finance Notice 2010-5 (www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/lfns/10lfns/2010-05.doc) outlines recent amendments to the Government Unit Deposit Protection Act made at the end of the last legislative session. All local finance personnel should be aware of it. No action is required at this time, and additional information will be forthcoming from the Department of Banking and Insurance.

4. Since the middle of 2009, the State has enacted a number of new laws that have an effect on all contracting units and boards of education covered under the Local Public Contracts Law and the Public School Contracts Law. Local Finance Notice 2010-4 (www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/lfns/10lfns/2010-04.doc) reviews the laws and provides guidance on their implementation. Local officials involved in the procurement process should immediately read the Notice and assess its impact on their organization.

5. Local Finance Notice 2010-3 (www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/lfns/10lfns/2010-03.doc) provides "Guidance on Current Issues in Local Government and Board of Education Procurement." This Notice contains important information for contracting units operating under the Local Public Contracts Law and the Public School Contracts Law. It should be carefully reviewed by all staff involved in local procurement policies.

6. The New Jersey State Library has created a web site that assists New Jersey residents and businesses to help them through tough economic times. The site has a wide range of useful links that may be of assistance to local officials that are trying to assist their residents address their concerns. Local officials should keep the site handy and if appropriate, promote its use in their publications. The site: <http://gethelp.njlibraries.org/> has links and references in the following areas:

- New Jersey Work Tools
- New Jersey Financial Tools
- New Jersey Housing Tools
- New Jersey Health Tools
- New Jersey Parental Tools
- Tools for Seniors

7. The following information concerns actions local officials can take to help homeowners that are facing foreclosure or other housing related problems facing residents:

- Foreclosure Fast Facts: A 2-page listing of assistance, numbers to call, and general assistance, including counseling agencies experienced in foreclosure: http://www.nj.gov/dca/hmfa/foreclosureprevention_resources.pdf

- The Mayor's Combat Kit: Materials and sources of information on buying a home, mortgage assistance and foreclosure, designed especially for Mayors: <http://www.state.nj.us/dobi/njhope/mayorkit.html>

- The NJ HOPE (Home Ownership Preservation Effort) website provides information about resources that are available for homeowners who are delinquent in their mortgage payments, need counseling or have questions: <http://www.state.nj.us/dobi/njhope/>

8. The DEP Bulletin contains a list of construction permit applications recently filed or acted upon by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. The latest issue was released March 24, 2010. This issue can be viewed online at: www.nj.gov/dep/bulletin/bu2010_0324.pdf.

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