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August 29, 2025

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LFN 2025-11 BPU Direct Install

Jennifer Martinez

Wed, Aug 20, 2025 at 9:33 AM

To: Jennifer Martinez <jmartinez@closternj.us>

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From: <egg@dca.nj.gov>

Date: Tue, Aug 19, 2025 at 3:08 PM

Subject: LFN 2025-11 BPU Direct Install

On July 16, 2025, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) released an Order focusing on the open network model of Direct Install energy efficiency program offered by many electric and gas utilities throughout the State. The BPU Order established various parameters to ensure that local governments, boards of education, and county colleges can participate in the program consistent with public procurement laws. Local Finance Notice 2025-11, available at <https://www.nj.gov/dca/dlgs/lfn/2025/2025-11.pdf>, explains the process a contracting unit must follow in utilizing a Direct Install open network program offered by their electric or gas utility.

Notice sent to: Procurement Officials; Municipal CFOs; County CFOs; Municipal Managers/Administrators; County Administrators/Managers; Municipal Clerks; Clerks - County Boards of Commissioners; Authorities; Fire Districts

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Local Finance Notice



LFN 2025-11

August 19, 2025

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Direct Install (Open Network) Energy Efficiency Program for Public Sector Entities

On July 16, 2025, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) released an [Order](#) focusing on the “open network” model of Direct Install energy efficiency program offered by many electric and gas utilities throughout the State. The Order established various parameters to ensure that local governments, boards of education, and county colleges (collectively, “contracting units”) can participate in the program consistent with public procurement laws. Through this Notice, the Division of Local Government Services (Division) provides further guidance on the Direct Install program as it pertains to contracting units, in particular detailing the process a contracting unit must follow in utilizing a Direct Install open network program offered by their electric or gas utility.

The Direct Install Program

The Direct Install program implements “turnkey” energy savings measures in areas such as lighting, refrigeration, and HVAC that would be eligible for substantial incentives and repayment options with 0% interest. Direct Install is tailored to existing small and mid-sized non-residential facilities with an average annual energy demand of less than 300 kilowatts/40,000 therms. Specifications for the work to be performed are generated from an energy usage assessment (i.e. a non-investment grade energy audit) of the contracting unit’s facilities.

Open Network vs. Closed Network

There are two different models through which a utility can implement Direct Install; “open network” and “closed network.” Under the open network model, a contracting unit procures a contractor that, together with any necessary subcontractors, will perform the work recommended in the energy assessment. The contracting unit must procure the contractor through competitive bidding if the dollar value of the contract exceeds the contracting unit’s bid threshold, with the contract awarded to the lowest responsible, responsive bidder.

Bidding cannot be restricted solely to trade allies of the utility serving the contracting unit; however, only a contractor that is a “trade ally” of the utility would be eligible to offer the utility’s Direct Install incentives under the open network model and apply those incentives towards reducing its bid price. A trade ally is a contractor with which the utility enters into an agreement for delivery of energy efficient products and expertise directly to customers. A trade ally will include any subcontractors engaged by the trade ally contractor to perform work for customers under the Direct Install program.

By contrast, in the “closed network” model, the utility itself serves as the general contractor, preselecting through a competitive solicitation the subcontractors performing all work according to standard pricing schedules. Under the closed network model, a utility could meet the exceptions to competitive bidding in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(f) (Local Public Contracts Law or “LPCL”), 18A:18A-5.a(7) (Public School Contracts Law or “PSCL”), or 18A:64A-25.5.a(8) (County College Contracts Law or “CCCL”), as applicable to the contracting unit, if the charges were in accordance with “tariffs and schedules...made, charged and exacted, filed with [BPU].” However, the above-referenced bid exception can only be utilized for an individual utility at such time as BPU issues an Order approving a tariff submitted by the utility for this purpose. As of the date of this Notice, no utilities have been approved by BPU in accordance with this exception. The Division will provide updated guidance once BPU issues such an Order to any utility which would permit this exception to bidding.

Process for Utilizing Open Network Direct Install

Energy Audit

The contracting unit must obtain an energy audit before procuring a contractor to undertake an open network Direct Install project. This energy audit requirement shall be satisfied through either obtaining an ASHRAE Level 1 or 2 audit¹ through the BPU’s [Local Government Energy Audit](#) program or by separately contracting for an ASHRAE Level 1, 2, or 3 audit, with the audit completion date being no more than three (3) years from the date the contracting unit solicits bids for work recommended in the audit. Utilities may provide an ASHRAE Level 1, 2, or 3 audit free to the contracting unit as part of Direct Install program participation. For any customer/project that has applied to the Direct Install program prior to the effective date of the July 16, 2025 BPU Order, the audit completion date shall be no more than five (5) years before the date the contracting unit solicits bids for work.

The contractor undertaking the energy audit must be qualified and approved by, and shown on, the State Treasury’s Division of Property Management and Construction (DPMC) certification list

¹ ASHRAE, or the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers, is a global organization focusing on building systems, energy efficiency, and indoor air quality. Further information about ASHRAE can be found on their website at www.ashrae.org. *ASHRAE Standard 211-2018 (RA2023): Standard for Commercial Building Energy Audits*, as well as the ASHRAE publication *Procedures for Commercial Building Energy Audits*, details the procedures for the various energy audit level procedures, including Level 1 – Walk-Through Survey; Level 2 – Energy Survey and Analysis; and Level 3 – Detailed Analysis of Capital-Intensive Modifications.

in the category P051 – Energy Auditing. DPMC’s certification list is on their [consultant search webpage](#) and lists all contractors qualified under this category.

Software used for all audits on and after September 1, 2025 shall be BuildingSync compliant.² Any audits that are completed prior to September 1, 2025 are not required to be BuildingSync compliant.

Energy audit recommendations shall include energy efficiency measures and detail the related energy savings and potential cost reductions based on the most current Technical Reference Manual calculation methods.³

Project Procurement

Once complete, the energy audit recommendations are used as the basis for the Direct Install project specifications. If the estimated dollar value of the project is expected to exceed the contracting unit’s bid threshold, a competitive bid solicitation, subject to LPCL, PSCL, or CCCL, as applicable, for the project shall be open to not only the energy utility’s trade allies but to all other interested bidders. However, the contractor that performed the contracting unit’s underlying energy audit is not eligible to respond to the bid solicitation for the project.

Contracting units should encourage eligible bidders to participate in a pre-bid conference and walk-through to inspect areas covered within the audit. This will allow potential bidders to understand the site conditions, clarify any uncertainties about the project requirements, and ultimately ensure accurate bid submissions.

The competitive bid solicitation must include the audit as an attachment to ensure all eligible bidders can review the audit findings and recommendations. Project specifications shall be limited to the energy audit’s recommendations and shall not include additional measures other than necessary enabling costs. Necessary enabling costs include costs of elements that are needed to install the energy-efficient equipment but do not directly produce energy savings, such as structural support for rooftop HVAC units, breaker or electrical distribution upgrades to code, cosmetic finishes that do not add efficiency, roof curbing, and other necessary elements to install the equipment that are not directly related to the energy savings or the measure thereof.

Consistent with the BPU Order, a Direct Install contractor, and any subcontractors performing work for any contracting unit, need to possess at the time of bid any DPMC certifications corresponding to the work that will be performed by the contractor or subcontractor related to the craft work being done. This is the case regardless of whether the bidder is a trade ally. LPCL contracting units do not need to undertake the prequalification process under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-25

² BuildingSync® is a registered trademark of the Alliance for Sustainable Energy, LLC. It is “a common schema for energy audit data that can be utilized by different software and databases involved in the energy audit process. It allows data to be more easily aggregated, compared, and exchanged between different databases and software tools.” For more information, see <https://buildingsync.net>.

³ The most recent Technical Reference Manual is available at <https://njcleanenergy.com/main/public-reports-and-library/market-analysis-protocols/market-analysis-baseline-studies/market-an> under the “Technical Reference Manuals” heading.

before incorporating the DPMC certification requirement into its bid specifications for these projects. Examples of Direct Install-relevant classifications may include, but are not necessarily limited to:

C008 General Construction	C009 General Const./Alterations	C017 Insulation	C030 Plumbing
C032 HVAC-R	C033 Boilers (new repair)	C041 Insulation Mechanical	C043 Control Systems
C047 Electrical	C062 Pumping Stations	C098 Energy Management Systems	C104 Food Service Equipment

DPMC's [contractor search webpage](#) lists all firms classified under each DPMC-established category.

Eligible bidders who are trade allies must provide in their bid response the total project cost, along with an itemization of any applicable utility incentives estimated using the standardized statewide utility energy assessment tool available to trade allies. These incentives shall be clearly delineated in the trade ally's bid response. Per the LPCL, PSCL, and CCCL, the bid shall be awarded to the lowest responsible, responsive bidder.

Any Direct Install projects over the prevailing wage threshold are considered "public work" and are subject to the requirements of the Prevailing Wage Act. At the time of bid, a Direct Install contractor must possess a current Public Works Contractor Registration (PWCR). The BPU Order states that the contractor must not be debarred by any State or Federal agency and must also not be among the firms listed as doing prohibited business with Iran or Russia/Belarus. [Local Finance Notice 2021-20](#) contains further information on debarment for public works contractors, including searching for debarred public works contractors on the Department of Labor's [prevailing wage debarment list](#) and the federal System for Award Management (SAM) exclusions database. Review [Local Finance Notice 2024-18](#) concerning the prohibition on contract awards to contractors appearing on [The Workplace Accountability in Labor List \(The WALL\)](#). Construction and vendor debarment lists for New Jersey State agencies can be found [here](#) and [here](#). Given the BPU Order, contracting units shall follow the procedure detailed in Local Finance Notices [2023-11](#) and [2024-04](#) regarding vendor certification and review of the Iran and Russia-Belarus lists.

On-Bill Repayment

Contracting units may finance Direct Install projects through 0% interest repayment on their monthly utility bills, subject to such laws as may pertain to financing agreements entered into by local units, boards of education, and county colleges, respectively. Any contract including an on-bill repayment financing mechanism must include a clause that makes financing subject to the availability and appropriation annually of sufficient funds by the contracting unit as may be required to meet the extended obligation. The Local Authorities Fiscal Control Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-1 et seq.) would still require local authorities to come before the Local Finance Board

(LFB) for issuance of findings prior to entering into a contract for on-bill repayment. Local units that may be subject to special debt issuance provisions requiring LFB action should consult with their bond counsel.

Direct Install projects implemented as part of the Energy Savings Improvement Program (ESIP) may not utilize financing provided by an energy utility because of the specific financing requirements of the ESIP.

Approved: Michael F. Rogers, Director

Document	Internet Address
7/15/25 BPU DI Order	https://www.nj.gov/dca/dlgs/programs/lpci_docs/7-16-25-8F.pdf
Local Govt. Energy Audit	https://www.njcleanenergy.com/lgea
DPMC Consultant Search	https://www.nj.gov/treasury/dpmc/consult_search.shtml
DPMC Contractor Search	https://www.nj.gov/treasury/dpmc/contract_search.shtml
LFN 2021-20	https://www.nj.gov/dca/dlgs/lfns/2021/2021-20.pdf
NJDOL Prevailing Wage Debarment List	https://www.nj.gov/labor/wageandhour/registration-permits/register/debarmentlist.shtml
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ASHRAE Level Audits	http://www.ashrae.org/
BuildingSync	https://buildingsync.net/
BPU Tech. Ref. Manual	https://njcleanenergy.com/main/public-reports-and-library/market-analysis-protocols/market-analysis-baseline-studies/market-an



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Fwd: DCA's Lead Remediation and Abatement Program

1 message

Jennifer Martinez

Mon, Aug 25, 2025 at 4:10 PM

To: Jennifer Martinez <jmartinez@closternj.us>

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From: <egg@dca.nj.gov>

Date: Thu, Aug 21, 2025 at 2:36 PM

Subject: DCA's Lead Remediation and Abatement Program

To:

This notice is being sent on behalf of DCA's Division of Housing and Community Resources.

We are reaching out to share an important grant opportunity that may benefit many residents in your community. The Lead Remediation and Abatement Program provides funding to help homeowners and renters address lead-based paint hazards in homes built before 1978.

Lead exposure poses serious health risks, especially to young children. This program is designed to make homes safer and healthier by identifying and eliminating lead-based paint hazards.

Key benefits of the grant:

- Free lead inspections and risk assessments
- Funding to cover the cost of lead remediation or abatement work
- Improved long-term property value and enhanced family health

The household residing in the unit must be at or below 80% of Area Median Income.

For additional information, please refer to <https://www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr/offices/lrap.shtml>.

For questions regarding this program: If residents have questions or need help getting started, our team is available to assist. Please contact Tamara Canady at lrap@dca.nj.gov.

Municipal Clerks, please forward to notice to: Health Department, Construction Official, or appropriate personnel who handle lead inspections.

Notice sent to: Municipal CFOs; County CFOs; Municipal Managers/Administrators; County Administrators/Managers; Municipal Clerks; Clerks - County Boards of Commissioners; Tax Collector

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Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>

Bergen County's Annual Senior Festival

1 message

Sands, Derek <DSands@bergencountynj.gov> Mon, Aug 25, 2025 at 9:43 AM
 To: "Sands, Derek" <DSands@bergencountynj.gov>
 Cc: "Dorsett, Craig" <CDorsett@bergencountynj.gov>, "Pellicano, Breanne" <BPellicano@bergencountynj.gov>, "Lautz, Jared" <JLautz@bergencountynj.gov>, "Geroski, Natalie" <NGeroski@bergencountynj.gov>

Good morning local officials and county partners:

On behalf of County Executive Jim Tedesco, the Board of Commissioners, and the County's Division of Senior Services, please see the attached registration flyer for the County's Annual Senior Festival which will take place on Thursday, September 18th from 10am to 2pm in Van Saun County Park, Paramus.

Any questions, please contact Katie Burke at 201-336-7417 or email seniors@bergencountynj.gov.

My best,

Derek Alan Sands (*he/him/his*)

Deputy Chief of Staff

Office of County Executive James J. Tedesco III

County of Bergen

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Bergen County Executive
James J. Tedesco, III and the
Bergen County Board of Commissioners, together with the
Bergen County Department of Human Services / Division of Senior Services
Invite All Bergen County Senior Citizens to the



ANNUAL SENIOR FESTIVAL



Thursday, September 18, 2025

Rain Date: Thursday, September 25, 2025

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Van Saun County Park, Paramus

If you are 60 years or older, join us for a fun-filled day which will include:

Lunch • Music & Entertainment

Craft Fair • Resource Tables • Much More!

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

For special accommodations, please contact - Katie Burke
Call: (201) 336-7417 or Email: seniors@bergencountynj.gov
To register, scan the QR code or visit:

<https://forms.office.com/g/xbwhU7XCzX>



Community Transportation is Encouraged and Available!

To arrange a ride, please contact:
Bergen County Division of Community Transportation
at (201) 368-5955



James J. Tedesco, III
Bergen County Executive

Bergen County Board of Commissioners

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AON Scoring of Health Proposals; Cyber Grant Lunch & Learn

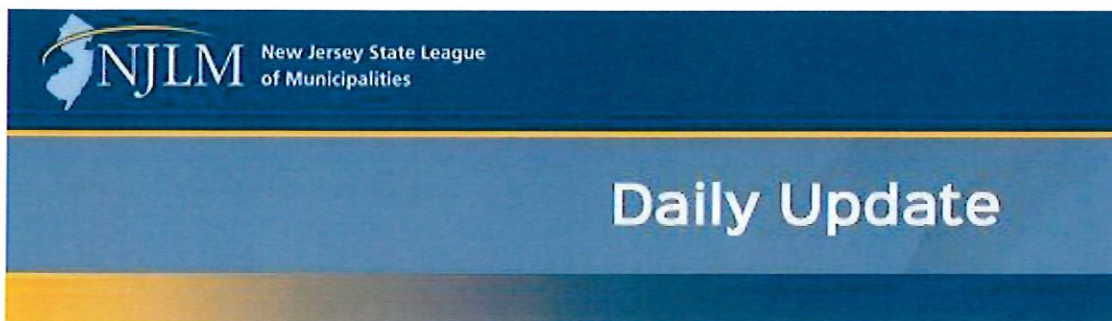
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NJLM Daily Update <noreply@civicplus.com>

Mon, Aug 25, 2025 at 3:47 PM

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August 25, 2025

AON Releases Scoring of Health Savings Proposals

AON has completed the [actuarial analysis and scoring of both the State's and Labor's proposed cost saving measures](#). The Plan Design Committee is scheduled to meet on August 27 and may vote upon the proposals that AON has verified as cost savings.

[Read more: AON Releases Scoring of Health Savings Proposals](#)

Contacts: Lori Buckelew, Deputy Executive Director, lbuckelew@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x112, or Erin Knoedler, Legislative Analyst, eknoedler@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x116.

Lunch & Learn: NJ State & Local Cybersecurity Grant Program

On Wednesday, August 27, the League will host a Lunch & Learn event with the New Jersey Cybersecurity & Communications Integration Cell (NJCCIC) regarding the NJ State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program.

[Read more: Lunch & Learn: NJ State & Local Cybersecurity Grant Program](#)

Contact: Erin Knoedler, Legislative Analyst, eknoedler@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x116.

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Fwd: 2025 Governor's Conference on Housing and Economic Development

1 message

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Mon, Aug 25, 2025 at 4:03 PM

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From: <egg@dca.nj.gov>
Date: Mon, Aug 25, 2025 at 1:46 PM
Subject: 2025 Governor's Conference on Housing and Economic Development
To: .

The event will be held on September 16 -17, at the Harrah's Atlantic City Waterfront Conference Center.

CHECK OUT OUR SESSIONS!

Our sessions are live! Grab this incredible opportunity to connect with industry experts, attend thought-provoking panel discussions, and build valuable connections with fellow professionals at the 2025 Governor's Conference on Housing and Economic Development.

This conference is a fantastic opportunity to expand your knowledge base and enrich your professional network.

Become a corporate sponsor at the 2025 Governor's Conference on Housing and Economic Development and elevate your visibility!

Check out some of our conference sessions below!

Real Talk in Redevelopment:

Citi Medina sits down with Leslie Anderson, Karim Hutson, and Elnardo Webster - powerhouses in housing and economic development and housing space in New Jersey - to have a fireside chat about their careers, equity, and the intersectionality of social justice and economic development.

Date: September 16th
Time: 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

MODERATOR: Citi Medina, CEO, Equal Space

Speakers:

- Leslie Anderson, President CEO, New Jersey Redevelopment Authority (NJRA)
- Karim Hutson, President CEO, Genesis Companies
- Elnardo Webster, Partner, Connell Foley LLP

NAHMA 1.25 credit hours for NAHP, NAHP-e certifications and renewals; CM; 1.25

Building Better Communities: Exploring the Landlord and Tenant Relationship:

This information session will explore the importance of multifamily housing in building strong, sustainable communities. It will focus on strengthening the relationship between landlords and tenants by fostering open communication, mutual respect, and shared

responsibility. Attendees will gain insights into best practices for creating a positive rental environment, addressing common challenges, and promoting long-term tenant retention. The session aims to provide actionable strategies for landlords and property managers to enhance tenant satisfaction, reduce turnover, and ultimately contribute to the development of thriving, harmonious communities.

Date: September 16th

Time: 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

MODERATOR: Justin Tierney, Manager of Asset Management, NJ Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (NJHMFA)

SPEAKERS:

- Fredrick Buehler Jr., President/Broker of Record, Robson Goldberg Real Estate, LLC
- Christopher DeStefano, VP, Kriegman Smith Inc.
- Jonathan Gershen, President CEO, Moderate Income Management Company, Inc.
- Bill Good, Senior Tenant Organizer, Greater Newark HUD Tenants Coalition

1.5 CLE; (Real Estate CE Pending) NAHMA 1.25 credit hours for NAHP, NAHP e-certifications and renewals

Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Market Update:

This session will hone in on the latest trends in the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) market, focusing on current investor behavior and emerging opportunities. Attendees will gain insights into recent legislative and policy proposals that could

significantly impact the bond program and expand credit allocations.

Speakers will also cover key topics such as pricing trends, market dynamics, and underwriting challenges, with a particular emphasis on issues and developments specific to New Jersey.

Date: September 17th

Time: 9:15 AM - 10:30 AM

MODERATOR: Melanie R. Walter, Executive Director, NJ Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (NJHMFA)

SPEAKERS:

- Jacob Day, Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of New York
- Costas Paleologos, SVP, East Coast Regional Manager, PNC Bank
- Alan Sage, VP, Urban Investment Group, Goldman Sachs

CM | 1.25; 1.5 CLE; NAHMA 1.25 credit hours for NAHP, NAHP-e, SHCM certifications and renewals.

The Glass is Always Half-Full: Partnering with Arts Culture to Drive Economic Stimulus:

The arts in New Jersey contribute deep social and economic impact, representing a \$27.3 billion industry and 138,000 jobs in 2022, with nonprofits contributing \$116.9 million in total tax revenue to federal, state, and local governments. This interactive

session brings together leaders in the arts and economic

development, as well as developers who are leveraging arts and cultural partnerships, such as opportunities presented by the state's thriving film production sector, to revitalize communities throughout the state. Learn how to partner with the arts and deepen

the economic ripple effect of your projects for all community stakeholders.

Date: September 16th

Time: 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

MODERATOR: Tai Cooper, Chief Community Development Officer, New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA)

SPEAKERS:

- Barbara Bickart, Senior Advisor, Arts Culture, NJEDA
- Andrew Binger, New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Program Officer Community Partnerships
- Vanessa Ramalho, Director of External Relations, Art Pride New Jersey
- Diana Rogers, Executive Director, Greater Mt. Zion Trenton Community Development Corp.

NAHMA 1.25 credit hours for FHC Certifications and renewals; 1.5 CLE; CM | 1.25

New World, New Rules - Creating Housing in Challenging Times:

Economic, policy, and political changes are happening at the federal and state levels. With all these changes, how do you build the strong foundation you need to develop the thriving community you want? DCA staff will guide you through some of the federal and

state policies and regulations impacting affordable housing - the ones that are changing and the ones that remain the same - as well as the resources you can leverage to navigate these changes.

Date: September 16th

Time: 2:30 PM - 3:45 PM

MODERATOR: Kia King, Chief of Staff, NJ Department of Community Affairs (DCA)

SPEAKERS:

- Keith Henderson, Director of Local Planning Services, NJ Department of Community Affairs (DCA)
- Michael Rogers, Director of Local Government Services, NJ Department of Community Affairs (DCA)
- Janel Winter, Assistant Commissioner and Director, Division of Housing and Community Resources, NJ Department of Community Affairs (DCA)

NAHMA 1.25 credit hours for NAHP, NAHP-e certifications and renewals; 1.5 CLE

REMINDER: Additional details are constantly being added to this year's conference. Make sure to bookmark njhousingconference.com to stay up to date!

SIGN UP FOR OUR BUS TOUR!

Get ready to explore the vibrant layers of Atlantic City beyond the famous Boardwalk and casinos. This guided tour takes you through the heart of a city undergoing dynamic transformation - where history, culture, community, and opportunity intersect.

Date: September 16

Time: 2:30 - 4:30 PM

Note: Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Sign-ups will be available at the conference.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Overnight accommodations can be booked for Monday, September 15, 2025 and Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at Harrah's Resort in the Waterfront Tower using the online link <https://book.passkey.com/go/SH09GC5>.

Reservations can also be made by phone at 888-516-2215 and using the group code SH09GC5.

Book Your Room Today at: <https://web.cvent.com/event/0fe091cd-4a30-4e9d-9a9a-d68adf370043/websitePage:9884efc7-534e-42b2-a7c7-39168fc0ea36>

Keep an eye on your inbox for more updates!

If you have any questions, please contact us at njhousingconference@njhmfa.gov.

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Affordable Housing Deadline; SHBP Savings Proposals; Theater Liquor License

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State Issues

August 31 Deadline to Challenge Affordable Housing Element

This Sunday, August 31, is the deadline for interested parties to challenge the validity of a municipality's Housing Element and Fair Share Plan.

[Read more: August 31 Deadline to Challenge Affordable Housing Element](#)

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AON Releases Scoring of Health Savings Proposals

AON has completed the [actuarial analysis and scoring of both the State's and Labor's proposed cost-saving measures](#). The Plan Design Committee is scheduled to meet on August 27 and may vote upon the proposals that AON has verified as cost savings.

[Read more: AON Releases Scoring of Health Savings Proposals](#)

Contacts: Lori Buckelew, Deputy Executive Director, lbuckelew@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x112, or Erin Knoedler, Legislative Analyst, eknoedler@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x116.

Governor Signs Bill Revising Theater Liquor Licenses

Governor Murphy recently signed legislation that permits the issuance of theater liquor licenses to certain non-profit corporations and allows certain community theaters to sell alcoholic beverages.

[Read more: Governor Signs Bill Revising Theater Liquor Licenses](#)

Contact: Lori Buckelew, Deputy Executive Director, lbuckelew@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x112.

Expanded Public Transportation Options in Southern New Jersey

Governor Murphy announced three initiatives to expand and modernize public transportation options in southern New Jersey.

[Read more: Expanded Public Transportation Options in Southern New Jersey](#)

Contact: Paul Penna, Director of Government Affairs, ppenna@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x110.

LFN 2025-11 Explains the BPU Direct Install Program

On July 16, 2025, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) released information focusing on the open network model of the Direct Install Energy Efficiency Program offered by many electric and gas utilities throughout the State.

[Read more: LFN 2025-11 Explains the BPU Direct Install Program](#)

Contact: Erin Knoedler, Legislative Analyst, eknoedler@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x116.

Governor Signs First Responders' Workers' Compensation Legislation

Governor Murphy signed S-4590/A-5792. This legislation provides workers' compensation coverage of certain counseling services for first responders and provides that certain mental health-related communications are confidential.

[Read more: Governor Signs First Responders' Workers' Compensation Legislation](#)

Contact: Paul Penna, Director of Government Affairs, ppenna@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x110.

NJ Municipalities Blog: Happy 286th Birthday, Isaac Pearson of Hamilton (Mercer)

This week's NJ Municipalities summer story blog shares how Hamilton Township (Mercer) is preserving local colonial history.

The Historical Society of Hamilton Township celebrated the 286th birthday of Isaac Pearson on August 3. According to a recent Township Update from Hamilton (Mercer), Isaac Pearson was born in 1739 and raised in Nottingham Township (Hamilton Township,

Mercer County), and his house, purchased by Hamilton Township in 2000, remains in its original location. The National Register Landmark will be open to the public when restoration is completed.

Want to share your local story? Please send in your 300 to 1,000-word items and photos to Editor Amy Spiezio at aspiezio@njlm.org.

Read More: [NJM Blog-Happy Birthday, Isaac Pearson of Hamilton \(Mercer\)](#)

Contact: Amy Spiezio, Editor, aspiezio@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, ext. 123.

The Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) Program is Open

The Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) program is now accepting applications from eligible public agencies, municipalities, and qualified nonprofit organizations throughout New Jersey to support home repairs for low-income residents.

[Read more: The Housing Preservation Grant \(HPG\) Program is Open](#)

Contact: Ciara Bradley, Research Associate, cbradley@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x128.

Resilient NJ Grant Program Open

The Resilient NJ program, administered by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Climate Resilience, is now accepting applications for regional climate resilience planning grants.

[Read more: Resilient NJ Grant Program Open](#)

Contact: Ciara Bradley, Research Associate, cbradley@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x128.

DCA Adopts Amendment to UCC for Final Inspection Regulations

After publishing in the New Jersey Register, accepting comments, and responding to them, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs adopted an amendment to the Uniform Construction Code in N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.18.

[Read more: DCA Adopts Amendment to UCC for Final Inspection Regulations](#)

Contact: Paul Penna, Director of Government Affairs, ppenna@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x110.

DEP Resilient Environment and Landscapes (REAL), Notice of Proposed Substantial Changes and Responses to Public Comments

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) published a [Notice of Substantial Change](#) in the July 21, 2025, edition of the New Jersey Register.

Read more: [DEP Resilient Environment and Landscapes \(REAL\), Notice of Proposed Substantial Changes and Responses to Public Comments](#)

Contacts: Sadayah Q. DuRant-Brown, Legislative Counsel, sdurantbrown@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, ext. 137, and Erin Knoedler, Legislative Analyst, eknoedler@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x116.

Juvenile Justice Commission Readopts Juvenile Detention Rules with Amendments

The Juvenile Justice Commission readopted rules with amendments concerning the detention of juveniles in municipal and other adult facilities.

[Read more: Juvenile Justice Commission Readopts Juvenile Detention Rules with Amendments](#)

Contact: Sadayah Q. DuRant-Brown, Legislative Counsel, sdurantbrown@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, ext. 137.

Federal Issues

Senator Booker Seeking NFIP Guidance

Senator Booker would like to hear from local government stakeholders as the U.S. Senate prepares to reauthorize and reform the National Flood Insurance Program.

[Read more: Senator Booker Seeking NFIP Guidance](#)

Contact: Paul Penna, Director of Government Affairs, ppenna@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x110.

Innovative Finance and Asset Grant Program Opportunity

The Finance and Asset Concession Grant Program, run by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Build America Bureau, is now open.

[Read more: Innovative Finance and Asset Grant Program Opportunity](#)

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Conference Connections

Early Bird Pricing Ends August 31

Early Bird pricing for Annual Conference registration ends on August 31, so [register today!](#) Early Bird pricing is \$60 for government or nonprofit and \$120 for non-government

registrations.

Steps to Success at the Annual Conference

[Book your housing for the Annual Conference.](#) Book a hotel room through the League's official room blocks to ensure the best Conference experience. The League's room blocks provide the best rates and shuttle bus service to the AC Convention Center. Book early for your preferred hotel—room blocks will sell out!

Consider Your Course Options. The preliminary list of the [Annual Conference Session Schedule](#) is now available for review. The session rundown will expand over the coming weeks as details are finalized, listing times, places, session descriptions, speakers, and CEU credits as they are approved.

Plan your visit to the Exhibit Hall. This year the Exhibit Hall will be 4 aisles larger in 2025 to create an even more informative and inspiring experience for attendees. Plan now to maximize your networking opportunities by reviewing the [Exhibit Hall interactive map](#).

Save Time for League Events. On Tuesday at 9:00 a.m., the NJLM Educational Foundation will hold its annual kick-off event, more information will be published as it becomes available. Also on Tuesday, at 3:15 p.m. the Resolutions Committee will gather to [discuss the resolutions](#) that local government officials have submitted for consideration. The session is open to all, but only members of the Resolutions Committee may vote.

On Wednesday, the Mayors' Lunch Briefing will welcome state department heads and will also recognize the [nominees for the Mayors' Hall of Fame](#) for 10, 20, or 30+ years of service and [nominated Elected Officials](#) with at least 20 years of service. Fee: \$30

At the end of the day, show your support for women's outstanding achievements at the Women in Municipal Government Networking & Awards Event from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. Fee: \$35

On Thursday, the Annual Conference ends strong with the League Delegates Luncheon, which puts you in the room with League and State leadership. Fee: \$45.

The League's final event for the Conference is the Annual Business Meeting at 3:00 in the Sheraton's Crown Ballroom. Meet the newest Officers and Executive Board members and learn about the plans for 2026. No fee to attend.

Tickets can be purchased during the registration process, or [process](#) or added later by [editing your existing Conference registration](#). Only those with a Conference badge may attend the ticketed events.

Apply for the Innovation in Governance Program

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and the New Jersey League of Municipalities (NJLM) are accepting applications for the [Innovation in Governance through our annual recognition program](#) through Friday, October 3, 2025.

Showcase innovative solutions developed in your municipality. [Visit our awards page](#) to see previous years' ideas created by our winning municipalities, as well as the full invitation and application to this year's program. For more information on the contest, contact Ciara Bradley, League Research Associate, CBradley@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, ext. 128.

Also of Interest

[NJILGA & Rutgers Offer Diplomate in Local Government Law](#)

The New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys (NJILGA) has partnered with Rutgers University to offer a Diplomate in Local Government Law. This voluntary certification program provides six comprehensive courses covering municipal law topics.

[Read more: NJILGA & Rutgers Offer Diplomate in Local Government Law](#)

[Discussion of “The American Revolution” with Ken Burns](#)

RevolutionNJ has [announced](#) “An Afternoon with Ken Burns,” moderated by Brian Williams, at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center on September 17. The event includes a preview of the upcoming six-part 12-hour documentary, [“The American Revolution,”](#) which prominently features New Jersey.

[Tickets](#) are now available for purchase.

[2025 Governor’s Conference on Housing and Economic Development](#)

The 2025 Governor’s Conference on Housing and Economic Development will be held September 16-17 at Harrah’s Resort Atlantic City. Registration is now open and will close on September 8. The housing deadline was August 15.

[Read more: 2025 Governor’s Conference on Housing and Economic Development](#)

Contact: Paul Penna, Director of Government Affairs, ppenna@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x110.

[Reminder: Complete Salary Survey](#)

This is a friendly reminder to submit your responses to the League’s [Salary Survey](#) before **September 1**. Your input plays a vital role in helping us create a comprehensive snapshot of compensation trends across municipalities statewide.

The results from the survey will be published and available in September.

Contact: Ciara Bradley, Research Associate, cbradley@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x128.

NJ Municipalities Magazine: Watch for Renewal Emails

Our new subscription system is slowly rolling out to ensure we have a smooth transition. Those who have an email address on file have been emailed their subscription renewals. Ask your staff to check their inboxes for renewal notifications. The new online system will make it easier for subscribers to update and manage their subscriptions online throughout the year. If your subscription is part of a group subscription, renewals have been sent to the person responsible for managing your group.

Not a subscriber yet? Visit the [League's website to sign up](#) before the October issue mails.


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SC Vistula Special Needs Soccer Program

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The County of Bergen is proud to announce that enrollment is open for a Special Needs Soccer Program. See the attached flyer for details. A link is also attached below.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdTcBj7MwGineyzQR4AVB0ilsRbn7IDCfJY6Hs85OryHgZ9pA/viewform>

Registration is free for Bergen County residents. We encourage you to print the flyer and post it in your municipal buildings, provide it to your Recreation Director or Recreation Commissions, and to spread the word.

Once again, the program is free and open to all special needs children in Bergen County.

Thank you.

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The Office of the County Executive and the Office of County Counsel are working to eliminate as much paper as possible and practical – for work-flow, record-keeping, cost and environmental reasons. We appreciate your support in this effort by delivering all non-original documents via electronic mail.

 SC Vistula Special Needs Soccer Flyer FALL 2025.pdf
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THE COUNTY OF BERGEN AND SC VISTULA
PRESENT FALL 2025

SPECIAL NEEDS SOCCER PROGRAM

For boys and girls all ages



Bergen County and SC Vistula announce the the Special Needs Soccer Program, developed for children residing in Bergen County who require special attention and small group practice environment. SC Vistula soccer coaches will focus on fun, motivating and challenging activities designed for children requiring individual attention. We want to make sure that all kids in Bergen County can enjoy stress-free soccer activities while spending time on the field.

PROGRAM DETAILS:

- Registration is FREE for Bergen County residents.
- Six one hour classes will be held each Sunday at 9:00 am
20th Century Field, Garfield
75 Elizabeth Street, Garfield, NJ
- Program will start on Sunday, Sept 7, 2025
- Register at scvistula.soccer
from Monday, July 21 to Monday, August 25, 2025
- No soccer equipment required

REGISTER AT:
scvistula.soccer
or scan QR code



Hosted by the
City of Garfield

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 201-606-5278

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Plan Design Committee Advances Plan Year 2026 Resolutions

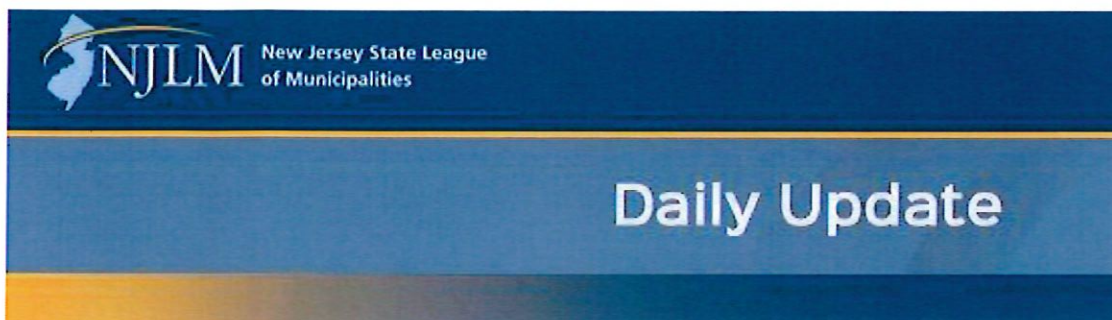
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August 28, 2025

Plan Design Committee Advances Plan Year 2026 Resolutions

At the regularly scheduled August meeting of the Plan Design Committee, it adopted six resolutions for the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP) Plan Year 2026. There was no discussion of the AON analysis of the management and labor proposals.

[Read more: Plan Design Committee Advances Plan Year 2026 Resolutions](#)

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