

Investing for the Future

Creation of Non-Profit Entity

Northeast Environmental Enforcement Training Fund

On October 15, 2001, the Coordination Committee unanimously voted to authorize the creation of a non-profit entity entitled the Northeast Environmental Enforcement Training Fund (“NEETFI”). Creation of NEETFI reflects many years of discussion and planning by the NEEP Steering Committee and NEEP staff about forming a non-profit to provide even greater support for a growing and very unique training and information network. As the Project grew in membership and in its services, the membership also saw a need for growth of income in order to offset lean state and federal funding years.

The mission of the non-profit is to receive and administer funds for the sole purpose of supporting environmental enforcement training for professionals in the membership of, or in association with, the Northeast Environmental Enforcement Project.

NEETFI will carry out its mission by acquiring non-traditional types of funds for states’ environmental enforcement training programs and by developing a diverse portfolio that includes a plan for investment, focuses on an endowment for the long term, and includes the potential for pursuing foundation monies, grants, and other mechanisms for growth.

This non-profit entity incorporated in Ohio on November 8, 2002 and received tax-exempt approval from the Internal Revenue Service in June 2003.

The formation of NEETFI was the result of staff and Steering Committee working together to explore the options available for establishing a separate non-profit organization to provide training funds for NEEP ac-

tivities, thereby extending the resources available to NEEP. The organization is operating in Ohio and is led by a volunteer Board made up exclusively of past and present NEEP associates. The job of the Board is two-fold: to assist NEEP financially in its annual programming; and to grow assets in the long run in order to provide an endowment for NEEP.

While accomplishing these two goals simultaneously in the current investment climate will no doubt present a real challenge, NEEP has never had this type of support, and the benefits are already evident. Since 2003, eight NEEP member states have contributed settlement funds toward environment enforcement training or directly to the endowment. NEETFI also received a state grant dedicated to the environmental enforcement training and educational materials—for NEEP members as well as for school children. These funds have enabled NEETFI to grant training dollars that would not otherwise be available, as well as to enable the endowment to grow for the future.

The development of this new vehicle for growth of environmental enforcement training resources marks a very exciting time in the history of the services the NEEP offers to member states. NEEP members will be able to look to NEETFI as an opportunity for their states to support environmental enforcement as a long term program that will have lasting impact on the health and environment of the northeastern region of the continent.

For more information on how you can support NEETFI, please contact NEEP Executive Director Connie Morder for details.

NEEP's Continuing Education Program

The New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) in Newark, New Jersey, has recognized the Northeast Environmental Enforcement Project as a qualified provider of continuing education programs. NJIT is ranked among the nation's leading comprehensive technological universities, and is New Jersey's leading provider of engineering, architectural, professional, management and technical education. Each participant has the option of receiving CEU awards for any training course NEEP provides at a nominal cost payable to NJIT. The CEU is used nationally to document the type, quality, and duration of non-credit study. In general, one CEU is defined as being equal to 10 classroom hours.

In addition, students can obtain Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credits for attendance at NEEP courses and conferences. The NEEP staff will provide any documentation necessary for individuals to obtain CLE credits when they apply to their state's bar association.

If you would like to receive the 2005 Training /Conference Calendar, please contact Pat Jones at (609) 896-8835 or look on the R@IN website.

NEEP 2004 Training / Conference Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>COURSE NAME</u>
April 13-16	Membership Conference Location: Princeton, New Jersey
May 18-20	Advanced Environmental Crimes Training Location: Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey
May 25-28	Advanced Environmental Prosecutor's Training Co-Sponsored: MEEA, NEEP, SEEN, WSP, USDOJ Location: South Carolina
June 8-9	Advanced Interviewing Course Location: Providence, Rhode Island
July 28-29	In-State Training Course** Negotiation Skills Workshop Location: Delaware
Sept. 14-15	In-State Training Course ** Negotiation Skills Workshop Location: Maine
Oct. 18-21	NEEP Membership Conference Location: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Nov. 16-17	Civil Attorney's Course & NY In-state Training Location: Buffalo, New York

** State Specific Training Program

Refresher Course for Compliance /Enforcement Inspectors and Negotiation Skills Workshops are just examples of State specific training available to your agencies. If you would like additional information on NEEP co-sponsoring these or other types of in-state courses, please contact: **Patricia Jones, Training Coordinator, at (609) 896-8835.**



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NEEP BALANCE SHEET

July 01, 2003 to June 30, 2004

The Northeast Environmental Enforcement Project relies on funding from three sources which include a federal grant, membership dues, and settlement funds. Funding from USEPA was originally derived from the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) (hazardous waste program) which primarily funded NEEP's training activities; and through the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (superfund program) which primarily funded information service and networking activities, including membership conferences. In 1990, EPA's National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI) was created with the passage of the Pollution Prosecution Act. The four associations were expected to play a major role in carrying out NETI training at the state and local levels, as mandated by the Act. Funding to the Northeast Project was then centralized under the NETI umbrella. NETI is part of the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance.

The Project's Membership dues are calculated based on a state contribution formula which utilizes a base contribution per member of \$2,000, yielding a total of \$30,000 of the Northeast Environmental Enforcement Project's fifteen full members. The additional match funds are then allocated among the states according to the general population of the state. In addition, membership fees for associate members are \$2,000 per year.

And, finally, contributions from member states through settlement monies. For more information on settlement contributions, please see the Settlement article in this annual report.

BALANCE SHEET

FY04

REVENUE

<i>Membership Dues</i>	<i>\$147,470</i>
<i>EPA Grant</i>	<i>\$200,000</i>
<i>Settlement Funds</i>	<i>\$ 9,258</i>
<i>Sub Total</i>	<i>\$356,720</i>

<i>FY03 Carryover Funds</i>	<i>\$127,836</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$484,556</i>

EXPENDITURES

<i>Training / Conferences</i>	<i>\$115,035</i>
<i>Salaries</i>	<i>\$178,105</i>
<i>Fringe Benefits</i>	<i>\$ 49,560</i>
<i>Office Expenses</i>	<i>\$ 31,840</i>
<i>Indirect Costs</i>	<i>\$ 7,396</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$381,936</i>

FY 04 CARRYOVER FUNDS

<i>Carryover funds for FY04</i>	<i>\$102,620</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$102,620</i>

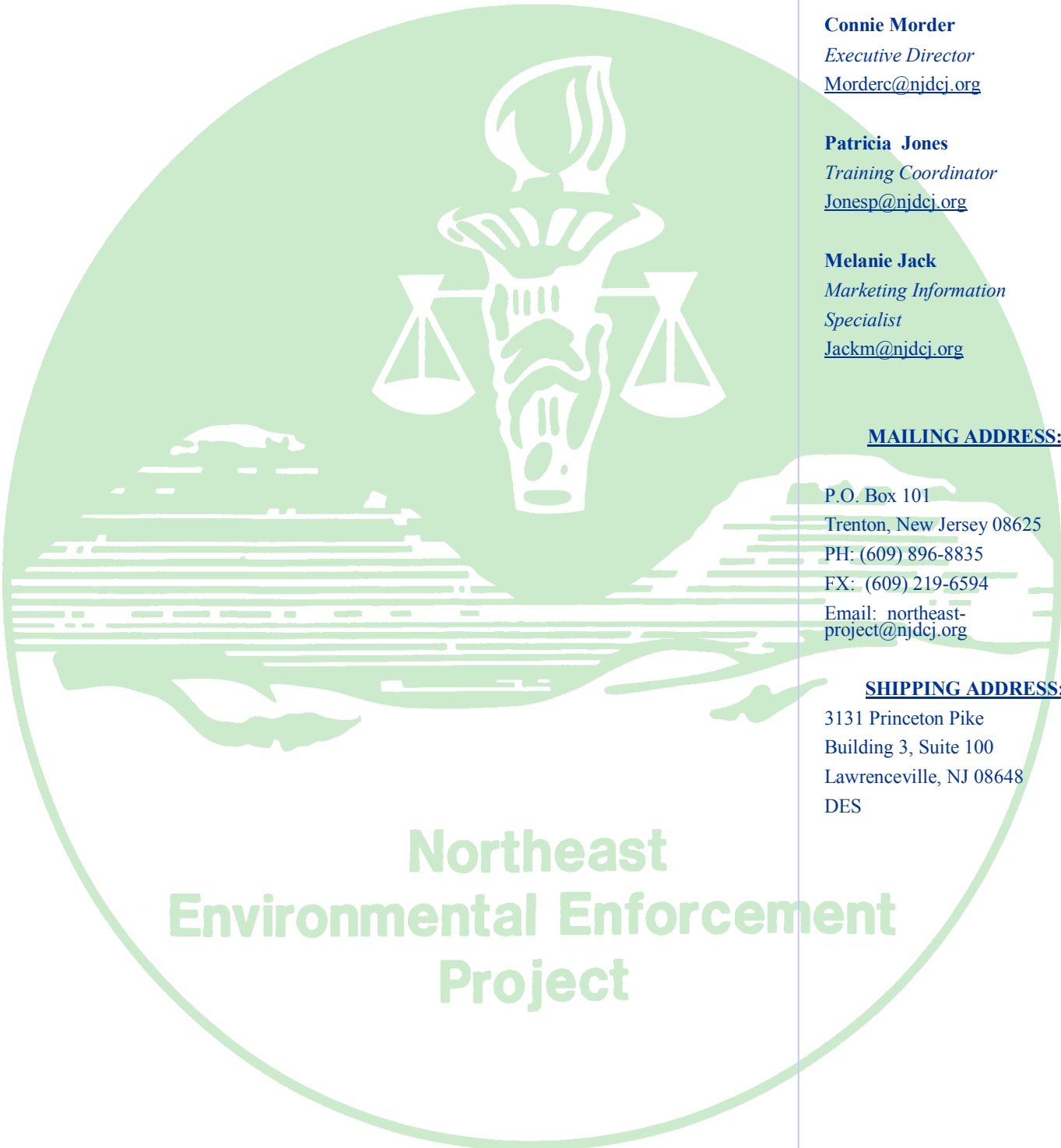
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