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State Releases First Citizens Guide to the Budget

TRENTON – Acting State Treasurer Michellene Davis today announced that the Citizens’ Guide to the Fiscal 2008 Appropriations Act is now available to the public.

“Transparency in the state budgeting process is essential if government is to be more accountable, more responsible and in turn, better able to serve taxpayers,” Acting Treasurer Davis said. “For the first time in New Jersey, the Citizens Guide will cut the complexity out of the budgeting process and show citizens how their tax dollars fund the important services that provide such a high quality of life in our great state.”

The publication represents the most comprehensive summary of the final Appropriations Act in State history and highlights all of the major funding decisions and policy initiatives of the Corzine administration.

The Citizens’ Guide is the final step in a series of budget process reforms instituted by Governor Corzine and the leadership of the Legislature. The reforms opened the budget process to new levels of public access and scrutiny.

The Citizens’ Guide includes a section titled “Where Does the Money Go” which highlights graphically how the Fiscal Year 2008 budget benefits New Jersey residents by securing historic property tax relief, providing prescription drugs for seniors, preserving the environment, protecting public safety, educating children and many other items.

The Citizens’ Guide is available online at
<http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/omb/publications/08citizensguide/pdf/citguide.pdf>.

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