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Citizens' Guide to the State Budget Now Available Online

TRENTON – State Treasurer David Rousseau announced today that the Citizens' Guide to the State Budget for Fiscal Year 2010 – an informational summary of the Budget in an easy-to-read format for the public -- is now available on the Treasury Department's web site.

"This is the third year we've put out the Guide to make the budget process more transparent as recommended by Governor Corzine and the leadership of the Legislature," Rousseau said. "The Guide provides readers with a clear and informative view of the State Budget."

The Citizens' Guide provides a comprehensive view of the budget process and highlights the major funding decisions and policy initiatives of the Corzine administration. There is also a snapshot of the Budget; highlights of the budget bill (Appropriations Act) as exacted by the Legislature; an economic overview and revenue forecast; and easy-to-read charts and graphs.

The Citizens' Guide also includes a section titled "Where Does the Money Go," which details how the Fiscal Year 2010 budget benefits New Jersey residents through aid to school districts and municipalities, the funding of higher education and hospitals, and even the number of traffic lanes repaved.

The complete document for the full \$29 billion Budget is also available on the Department of Treasury web site.

The Citizens' Guide is available online at http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/index.shtml