



We have all been affected by the worst economic recession of our lifetime. Budgets have been slashed and services have had to be cut back. Here in New Jersey, Governor Jon S. Corzine recognized very early the severity of this downturn. That is why last year he put together the New Jersey Economic Assistance and Recovery Plan, which emphasized job creation and training, infrastructure improvement and rebuilding our schools. Earlier this year, Congress passed and President Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and the Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009 both of which contained much needed funding and federal initiatives to help Americans get back to work and help get through this recession.

There have been many questions about the initiatives and funding opportunities within these recovery acts. In an effort to better serve you, the residents of New Jersey, we, along with the rest of the NJ Congressional Delegation have worked hard to ensure that you and the constituents you serve are well informed about the Recovery Act and the goals and missions of various federal agencies. That is why we are pleased to invite you to a town hall meeting that will, for the first time, bring together all appropriate State and Federal agencies to provide important information and answer your questions on how you and your organization can best access federal assistance.

We are confident that you will find the information provided extremely helpful. We have included an agenda for the town hall, along with the agencies represented. Participation is limited, so please RSVP by May 11th to GovernorCorzineRSVP@gov.state.nj.us. Within your RSVP email, please indicate which session(s) you are most interested in attending so we are able to anticipate which sessions will need the most space. If you have specific questions, please call Kellie Drakeford of Senator Menendez's office at 973-645-3030 or Mike Maitland of Senator Lautenberg's office at 856-338-8922.

We look forward to seeing you on May 18th at 8:45am in the War Memorial Theater in Trenton.

Sincerely,

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Jon S. Corzine
Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank R. Lautenberg".

Frank R. Lautenberg
US Senator

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Robert Menendez
US Senator

Accessing Your Federal Government 2009 Town Hall Meeting

Monday, May 18th, 2009 at 8:45 AM

New Jersey War Memorial, 1 Memorial Drive, Trenton

Parking available in Capitol Complex lots 5A & 5B (adjacent to War Memorial)

AGENDA:

Program Kickoff

Governor Jon S. Corzine

US Senator Frank Lautenberg

US Senator Robert Menendez

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Breakout Sessions (please remember to indicate in your RSVP which specific breakout(s) for each Session you would be interested in attending so we can book space accordingly):

Session I (10:00am-11:15am)

BREAKOUTS:

- US Department of Transportation & NJ Department of Transportation
- US Environmental Protection Agency, US Department of Energy, NJ Department of Environmental Protection & NJ Board of Public Utilities
- US Department of Education & NJ Department of Education
- US Department of Housing and Urban Development, NJ Department of Community Affairs & NJ Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency
- US Department of Homeland Security & NJ Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness
- US Department of Health and Human Services, NJ Department of Health and Senior Services & NJ Department of Human Services
- US Department of Agriculture & NJ Department of Agriculture

Session II (11:30am-1:00pm)

BREAKOUTS:

- US Department of Transportation & NJ Department of Transportation
- US Environmental Protection Agency, US Department of Energy, NJ Department of Environmental Protection & NJ Board of Public Utilities
- US Department of Commerce, US Department of Small Business Administration & NJ Economic Development Authority
- US Department of Housing and Urban Development, NJ Department of Community Affairs & NJ Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency
- US Department of Labor & NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development
- US Department of Health and Human Services, NJ Department of Health and Senior Services & NJ Department of Human Services
- US Department of Justice & NJ Department of Law and Public Safety