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Dear Applicant:

I am pleased to announce that the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) will again be implementing the Youth Corps, "Urban Gateway Enhancement Program." As you may know, the NJDOT Urban Youth Corps Program is designed to provide urban youth an opportunity to gain experience and exposure to various careers in transportation through paid summer employment. It also provides participants with a great opportunity to contribute to the improvements in their own community.

This year's program will fund at least 10 projects statewide and is targeted for implementation during the summer/fall of 2012. NJDOT is seeking local government agencies, not-for-profits, community-based organizations or other entities with established youth programs to participate in the NJDOT 2012 Urban Youth Corps Program.

The primary objective of the NJDOT Urban Youth Corps Program is to enhance gateways in urban areas, to engage youth in meaningful activities and to complement New Jersey's ongoing urban initiatives. Therefore, preferences will be given to applications that target urban communities. Accordingly, if your office/agency services one or more of the urban communities identified in the attached list, I encourage you to apply or to identify appropriate applicants from your community.

A detailed description of the program and an application are enclosed. Please note that the application deadline is **April 13, 2012**.

For further information or if you have any questions concerning the NJDOT Urban Youth Corps Program, please contact the NJDOT Division of Civil Rights and Affirmative Action at (609)530-3009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James S. Simpson".

James S. Simpson  
Commissioner

Enclosures