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Recent Grant Awards

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Triad is proud to announce that several clients recently received approval from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the 2009 Assistance to Firefighters Grant program. This program is designed to enhance the ability of fire

## Triad Helps Wildwood Plan for Center City Redevelopment

Downtown redevelopment is a critical aspect of many communities' economic development plans. Triad Associates recently completed a Strategic Plan for the Wildwood Business Improvement District that identifies a wide range of possible projects to promote revitalization of Pacific Avenue and the central business district.

Central to this strategy are proposals to create a Transportation Center, streetscape and other improvements to the Wildwood Boardwalk and center city.

Patrick Rosenello, Director of the Wildwood BID, was quoted in the Press of Atlantic City stating that "the primary objective is to physically link the boardwalk and the downtown."

The Transportation Center, which the plan tentatively refers to as "Destination Station" is envisioned as a mixed use, multi-modal transportation facility that will provide service to tour buses, the City's trolley service, and tourists visiting the community.

departments to protect the lives of their firefighters as well as the public. Over the past two years Triad Associates has assisted our clients in securing **\$976,348 in Assistance to Firefighter funds** for safety equipment, training and vehicles.

### Tapping Into Energy Efficiency Programs in New Jersey

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Throughout the State of New Jersey, municipalities are looking to trim their budgets. One way to do this is by reducing facility operating costs through energy efficiency. Fortunately, in the State of New Jersey, there are several opportunities to tap into green funding initiatives to reduce costs.

New Jersey's Clean Energy Program, sponsored by the Board of Public Utilities, has several programs to assist municipalities and residents in their efforts to become green while saving money. One of these programs is Direct Install. According to the BPU, Direct Install is designed to cut a facility's energy costs by replacing lighting, HVAC and other outdated operational equipment with energy efficiency alternatives. The program pays up to 80% of retrofit costs, dramatically improving your payback on the project. Existing small to mid-sized commercial and industrial facilities with a peak electric demand that did not exceed 200 kW in any of the preceding 12 months are eligible to participate in this program.

Buildings must be located in New Jersey and served by one of the state's public, regulated electric or natural gas utility companies. Direct Install funding can be used to replace the following equipment:

- Lighting
- Heating, Cooling & Ventilation (HVAC)

Preparing Strategic Plans is one of the many redevelopment services that Triad Associates can provide to your community. Triad will be working with the Wildwood BID to find the funding and partnerships to advance the priority projects defined in the Plan.

2010 Smart Growth Awards

Congratulations to CityWorks, Inc., Neptune Township, the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, and TD Bank. They will receive a Smart Growth Award from NJ Futures for the MidTown Commons Project in Neptune, NJ. These entities spearheaded an effort to redevelop the West Lake Avenue section of Neptune which was, at one time, one of the premier commercial corridors of the township.

As a supporting partner in the project, Triad acted as the Relocation Assistance Consultant. Triad prepared the workable relocation assistance plan and completed the relocation of businesses and residential households that were in the first phase of the project.

The ceremony honoring the Smart Growth Award-winners will be held Wednesday, June 2, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Newark Club, One Newark Center, 22nd Floor, Newark.

New Jersey Future is a statewide research, policy and education group that advocates for sustainable growth, environmental preservation, neighborhood revitalization and transportation choice. Founded in 1987, New Jersey Future is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization and the leading voice for promoting smart growth in New Jersey.

For more information on New Jersey Future and the Smart Growth Awards event, please visit www.njfuture.org.

Funding Opportunities

Green Acres

The NJ Department of Environmental Protection has announced that funding is now available for the Green Acres Program. Municipalities, Counties and nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply for land preservation and park development projects. The deadline is July 30, 2010. According to NJDEP, this will be a highly competitive application. Only new applicants or applicants who have made significant progress on their previous Green Acres grants should apply.

Eligible land acquisition projects include the purchase of:

- natural areas
- historic sites
- conservation areas
- water bodies

- Refrigeration
- Motors
- Natural Gas
- Variable Frequency Drives

The first step is scheduling an Energy Assessment with a participating contractor. According to Direct Install, project installations are typically completed within 60 days from the time of scheduling your Energy Assessment. For more information on the Direct Install program visit <http://www.njcleanenergy.com/commercial-industrial/programs/direct-install>.

Another way to fund your community's green initiatives is through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Rebate Program. ...

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New Clients

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Triad would like to acknowledge and welcome its newest clients:

**Develcom**

**Moorestown Township**

**Neighborhood Revitalization Corporation**

**Pine Beach Borough**

**Ship Bottom Volunteer Fire Company**

**Waterford Township**

- open space for active or passive recreation

Eligible recreational projects include facilities that provide:

- fishing
- boating
- swimming
- outdoor games and sports
- biking
- picnicking
- camping
- nature interpretation

There is a matching requirement which depends on the type of project as well as your population and whether or not you are an Urban Aid municipality.

For more information visit

<http://www.nj.gov/dep/greenacres/>.

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### **Bulletproof Vest Partnership Funds**

The Bureau of Justice Assistance is now accepting on-line applications for the Bulletproof Vest Partnership program. The deadline is June 1, 2010. Vests must be ordered on or after April 1, 2010 and meet National Institute of Justice (NIJ) standards on the date they were ordered. The Bureau requests that all applicants update their profile before filing an application for 2010 funds.

For more information go to

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bvpbasi/>.

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### **Safe Start Promising Approaches Project**

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, is seeking applications for its Safe Start Promising Approaches Project. The purpose of the program is to develop and support practice enhancements and innovations to prevent and reduce the impact of children's exposure to violence in their homes and communities.

There are two categories of funding through this program:

- Strategic Enhancement - to improve an ongoing evidence-based model
- Practice Innovation - to implement a strategy based on sound theory and evaluative literature

The deadline is June 25, 2010. The maximum award is \$250,000 for an 18 month budget period. Pending successful participation and availability of funds, supplemental funding may be awarded for three additional 1-year periods at

\$250,000 a year. There is no match required.

More information about this grant opportunity can be found at  
<http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2010/SSPA.pdf>.

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## **DRPA Requests Comments On Proposed Glassboro To Camden Line**

The Delaware River Port Authority and PATCO have completed an extensive Alternatives Analysis (AA) study focusing on identifying mass transit transportation needs and solutions for Southern New Jersey. This study concluded with a recommendation for light rail transit along the Conrail rail right of way from Glassboro to Camden. As a result of the Alternatives Analysis, the DRPA has initiated the next phase of project development, the environmental review culminating in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The first step in this EIS process is a public involvement phase with DRPA CEO and PATCO President, John J. Matheussen, announcing the scheduling of three public comment meetings. The EIS will assess the possible social, economic and environmental benefits and impacts of the proposed Glassboro to Camden line (GCL).

DRPA Chairman, John Estey, says "The Glassboro to Camden Line as well as the proposed Philadelphia Waterfront Transit Expansion Alternatives Analysis Study shows the Authority's commitment to improve public transit for those who live, work and enjoy all the activities the region has to offer."

Authority Vice Chair, Jeff Nash, points out that "this is the largest transit project ever planned to serve Camden and Gloucester Counties and something that has been needed and anticipated by South Jersey residents for a long time." He adds "project will be an economic stimulus for the region and will also be a spark for the redevelopment of towns along the 18 mile line."

According to Matheussen, "these public comment meetings will provide an opportunity for direct communication between the Glassboro to Camden study team and the public. We want to make sure members of the public are given the opportunity to make their comments and have them transcribed for the public record." Matheussen adds "the end result is the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) which is in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act. A Draft EIS is then issued for public review before the final Environmental Impact Statement is prepared."

PATCO General Manager, Bob Box, says "the GCL will connect with PATCO and New Jersey Transit at Camden's Broadway Station creating a major transportation hub. This will provide a direct connection for commuters who need to go to Trenton to the north, Lindenwold to the east, Glassboro to the south and, of course, Philadelphia to the west."

Comment forms are available on the project website, [www.GlassboroCamdenLine.com](http://www.GlassboroCamdenLine.com). Comments may also be submitted verbally through the project hotline, (856) 968-2252 (voice or via relay). For those who wish to submit comments in writing those comments may be submitted to:

Ms. Victoria Malaszecki, Public Involvement Liaison  
Envision Consultants Ltd.  
PO Box 536  
Mullica Hill, NJ 08061

Comments may also be emailed to:  
[publicinvolvement@GlassboroCamdenLine.com](mailto:publicinvolvement@GlassboroCamdenLine.com).  
The deadline to submit comments is June 10, 2010.

The Delaware River Port Authority is a regional transportation agency. DRPA owns and operates the Benjamin Franklin, Walt Whitman, Commodore Barry and Betsy Ross Bridges, PATCO and the Philadelphia Cruise Terminal. The DRPA also owns the RiverLink Ferry.