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September 30, 2021

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Municipal Clerks: Please forward to your Mayor, Governing Body, and Department Heads.

To assist in providing guidance and information we have created a [COVID-19 resource page](#). We will continue to update the page as we get pertinent information and include announcements in our Daily Updates.

I. 2021 Municipal Best Practices Inventory Issued

Today the Division of Local Government Services issued the 2021 Municipal Best Practices Inventory. [Local Finance Notice 2021-17](#) provides guidance on this year's process. All municipalities, including State Fiscal Year, must submit their [Best Practices Inventory](#) by Wednesday, November 3, 2021.

The inventory consists of 48 questions in three categories as follows: 19 questions in Core Competencies, 8 questions in Best Practices, and 21 Unscored Survey questions. The inventory's scoring threshold is based on the number of Core Competencies questions. Each municipality must receive a minimum score of 15 to receive their full Final Aid payment. Final Aid payment will be reduced by 25% if the score is between 11-14; by 50% if the score is between 7-10; and a score between 0-6 will lose 100% of final aid payment.

A municipality may appeal its score to the Division of Local Government Services Director by November 3, but not before submitting their inventory.

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II. Upcoming League Webinars

a. Labor Negotiations 2021 – Understanding Collective Negotiations, Interest Arbitration and Chapter 78 Update and the Impact of COVID-19

Friday, October 22, 2021
9:00 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.
Your Computer

CEUs: CMFO/CCFO- 4.0 Off Mgmt/Anc, CTC-4.0 Gen/Sec, CPWM-2.0 MGMT, 2.0 Govt, RMC- 4.0 Prof Devel, QPA-4.0 Off Admin/Gen Duties; RPPO/RPPS-4.0 M/S;CPA-4.0 Fin; NJCLE-4.0,PACLE-3.5*; Local Government Leadership Program-3 points

Registration Information can be found at the [October 22 Calendar Announcement](#)

b. Best Practices for a Diverse Municipal Workplace

Tuesday, October 26, 2021
9:00 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.
Location: Your Computer

CEUs: CMFO/CCFO-4.0 ETH, CTC-4.0 ETH, CPWM-4.0 ETH, RMC-4.0 ETH, QPA-4.0 ETH, CPA-4.0 ETH;RPPO/RPPS-4.0 ETH NJCLE-4.0 ETH, PACLE-3.5 ETH; Local Government Leadership Program-3 points

Registration Information can be found at the [October 26 Calendar Announcement](#)

c. The New Jersey League of Municipalities Presents: Understanding Library Law as Applied to Your Public Library

Friday, December 3, 2021
11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Your Computer

CEUs: CMFO/CCFO- 1.5 Off Mgmt/Anc, CTC- 1.5 Gen/Sec, CPWM-1.5 1.5 Tech, RMC- 1.5 Prof Devel, QPA-1.5 Off Admin/Gen Duties; RPPO/RPPS-1.5 M/S, CPA-1.5 FIN, NJCLE-1.5, PACLE-1.0*; Local Government Leadership Program-3 points

Registration Information can be found at the [December 3 Calendar Announcement](#)
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III. New Jersey Announces Tax Payment Delays for those Affected by Hurricane Ida

The New Jersey [Division of Taxation announced](#) they are following the federal guidelines for tax relief for victims of Hurricane Ida that the [Internal Revenue Service announced](#) at the end of August.

Affected taxpayers include businesses and individuals located in the disaster areas, those whose tax records are in the disaster areas, and relief workers. The IRS has extended deadlines for certain taxpayers affected by Ida who have a responsibility to:

- File returns (except information only returns);
- Pay taxes; and
- Perform certain other time-sensitive acts.

Individuals who had a valid extension to file their 2020 returns, scheduled to run out on October 15, will now have until January 3, 2022 to file their New Jersey tax returns and submit payments. This includes estimated payments, which have either an original or extended due date between August 26, 2021 and January 3, 2022.

In addition, taxpayers may be eligible for abatement of penalty and interest on underpaid tax that would normally accrue during the period of the postponement.

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