

NEWS FROM LT. GOVERNOR DENN

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<u>Lt. Governor Denn Continues to Take</u> <u>Recovery Act Information to the Public</u>

Denn speaking at Chamber of Commerce Luncheon and the <u>PENJERDEL Council and is hosting three additional</u> stimulus forums

Wilmington- This week, Lt. Governor Matt Denn continues to tour the state, taking information about the Federal Recovery Act (or "Stimulus Package") directly to Delawareans. Denn will be speaking at a Delaware State Chamber of Commerce Luncheon, and to the PENJERDEL Council alongside the Stimulus Implementation Czars of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and he is hosting three additional Recovery Act forums; one focusing on the nonprofit community, one on how the Recovery Act will help those with disabilities, and another focusing on the Faith-Based organizations.

Further, due to high demand, Lt. Governor Denn, Delaware Economic Development Office (DEDO), and local Chambers of Commerce are adding another stop on the statewide "Recovery Act Opportunities for Small Businesses" tour. The purpose of the



road show is talking directly to Delaware's small businesses about what the potential opportunities are available for them in the Recovery Act. Small businesses will hear from representatives of various state agencies and state departments on what they know about the Recovery Act. The first three "Recovery Act Opportunities for Small Businesses" forums (one held in each county) had tremendous participation from the business community, with standing room only at each.

WHAT: Delaware State Chamber of Commerce Luncheon

WHEN: Today, May 18, 2009, 12 noon

WHERE: Delaware State Chamber of Commerce 1201 N Orange St. Wilmington 19801 - Conference Room - Lobby Level

Lt. Governor Denn will talk on various topics including the progress of the Federal Recovery Act and how it is affecting Delaware, what funding has been received, and how the state plans to track spending and ensure accountability. Further, Denn will also talk about the Markell-Denn education reform agenda and its progress in the legislature.

WHAT: PENJERDEL Council Stimulus Forum with Government Experts from PA, NJ, and DE

WHEN: Tuesday, May 19, 2009, 8am

WHERE: The National Constitution Center 525 Arch Street, Philadelphia PA Lt. Governor Denn will join Pennsylvania Secretary of General Services Jim Creedon and New Jersey Governor Corzine's Chief of Staff, Edward McBride at the PENJERDEL Council Stimulus Forum. Lt. Governor Denn will speak about the Federal Recovery Package from Delaware's perspective, what is unique about Delaware's situation and explaining the open and transparent process Delaware is implementing for tracking Recovery funds.

WHAT: "What Does the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Mean for Delaware's Nonprofit Organizations?"

WHEN: Wednesday, May 20, 2009, 9:30am-11:30am

WHERE: The Embassy Suites Hotel in Newark, 654 S. College Avenue, Newark 19711 Lt. Governor Denn and the Delaware Association of NonProfit Agencies are hosting a forum open to the public on what opportunities there are for non-profits in the Federal Recovery Act. Representatives from numerous state agencies will be in attendance to share information directly with attendees. Lt. Governor Denn will open the forum and explain the overall view of the stimulus package as it relates to Delaware and non-profits.



WHAT: "How the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Will Affect Delawareans with Disabilities"

WHEN: Thursday, May 21, 2009, 1:30pm

WHERE: Center for Disabilities Studies, 461 Wyoming Road Room 132, Newark 19716 Lt. Governor Denn will announce an important new funding stream available in the Recovery Act that will help those with disabilities.

WHAT: "What Does the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Mean for Delaware's Faith Based Organizations?"

WHEN: Thursday, June 4, 2009, 10:30am-11:30am

WHERE: The University & Whist Club, Wilmington

Lt. Governor Denn and the United Way of Delaware are hosting a forum open to the public on opportunities for faith based organizations within the Federal Recovery Act. Representatives from numerous state and local agencies will be in attendance to share information directly with attendees. Lt. Governor Denn will explain the overall view of the stimulus package as it relates to Delaware and faith based organizations.

WHAT: "Recovery Act Opportunities for Small Businesses" Hosted by Delaware State Chamber of Commerce

WHEN: Tuesday, June 9, 2009, from 8:15am to 9:30am WHERE: The Carvel State Building on 9th & N. French Streets in the 2nd floor auditorium; RSVP to Sharon Reardon (302) 655-7221 <u>srreadon@dscc.com</u>; <u>http://www.dscc.com/</u>

Lt. Governor Denn will open the forum and explain from a small business perspective what opportunities there are in the Recovery Act. There will be representatives from the Delaware Economic Development Office, DelDOT, the Department of Education, the Department of Health and Social Services, the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, the State Housing Authority, the Small Business Development Center, the Small Business Administration, the Office of Women and Minority Owned Businesses, and the First State Community Loan Fund. To see video and handouts from previous "Small Business" forums, please visit

http://www.recovery.delaware.gov/video/video2.shtml

Important Recovery Act Websites:

Research the details of American Recovery & Reinvestment Act for Delaware and see State Grant Applications at <u>http://www.recovery.delaware.gov/</u>



Federal Recovery Act Website - <u>www.recovery.gov</u>

Small Business Administration Recovery - <u>www.sba.gov/recovery</u>

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