

## Request for Comments

**To: Interested Stakeholders**

**From: Elizabeth Ackerman, Acting Director**

**Subj: Request for Comments on Proposed Modifications to the LGEA Budget**

**Date: February 19, 2014**

By Order dated February 4, 2014, the Board authorized Staff to make modifications to NJCEP budgets provided certain conditions were met. Specifically, the Board authorized Staff to modify NJCEP budgets within a given Funding Category, such as EE, RE, EDA, etc., provided that the reallocation does not reduce a program's budget by more than 10%.

The Order requires Staff to provide a written notice to each Commissioner at least seven days prior to implementing any budget modification, while concurrently circulating the proposed budget modifications for public comment prior to implementing the proposed changes.

By email dated February 13, 2014, TRC notified Staff that it has experienced a spike in participation in the Local Government Energy Audit (LGEA) program and that it anticipates a need for additional funds to meet participation through the remainder of the fiscal year. The LGEA currently has expenses and commitments of \$2,322,073.50 against a budget of \$2,345,759.50, which equals 99% of the budget.

TRC requested the transfer of \$650,000 from the Pay-for-Performance (P4P) program to the LGEA program. TRC indicated that the proposed decrease to the P4P program budget will have no adverse impacts on its ability to meet current and future projected program commitments. Expenses plus commitments for the P4P program currently equal 52% of the budget.

The following table shows the program budgets currently approved by the Board, the proposed transfer, the proposed resultant budget, and the amount of the proposed transfer as a percentage of the program budget. The date of last transfer indicates the date the Board approved the current budget.

| Program                       | 2nd Revised FY<br>14 Budget | Transfer        | Proposed<br>Budget      | % of Budget | Date of Last<br>Transfer |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| Local Government Energy Audit | \$ 2,345,759.50             | \$ 650,000.00   | \$ 2,995,759.50         | 28%         | 1/29/2014                |
| Pay for Performance           | \$ 45,952,273.75            | \$ (650,000.00) | \$ 45,302,273.75        | -1.4%       | 1/29/2014                |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>\$ 48,298,033.25</b>     | <b>\$ -</b>     | <b>\$ 48,298,033.25</b> |             |                          |

Comments regarding the proposed budget modification should be submitted to:

[publiccomments@njcleanenergy.com](mailto:publiccomments@njcleanenergy.com)

by COB February 26, 2014 with the subject heading "Proposed Modifications to the LGEA Budget"