



From the Desk of Lieutenant Governor Matthew Denn
Reviving Delaware
Weekly Stimulus Update
May 8, 2009

On Wednesday, my office and the Delaware Economic Development Office hosted the first of four statewide small business forums, and it was a packed house. Over eighty small business representatives or stakeholders attended to hear from six state agencies and one federal agency at the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce. Governor Markell gave opening remarks and reinforced his administration's commitment to transparency and accountability, and how we are making sure to involve the public through forums like these.

Representatives from the Delaware Economic Development Office, Department of Education, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, Department of Health and Social Services, Department of Transportation, the Small Business Development Center, the Office of Minority & Women Business Enterprise, and the Small Business Administration all had representatives present to answer questions.

Demand was high for this meeting, and because of the popularity, we are adding an additional meeting in New Castle County to be scheduled in the next few weeks. Further, we have posted the handouts that the agency representatives had for the attendees on our website <http://www.recovery.delaware.gov/small-businesses.shtml> and video of the forum will be posted shortly to the site as well so that folks who could not make this event can view information online.

I want to also remind you that in addition to the other TBA New Castle County meeting, there are still two other scheduled meetings:

May 11, 2009

Rehoboth Beach Convention Hall, Rehoboth Beach, DE
9:00am - 10:00am
Contact: Carol Everhart at (302) 227-6446
Hosted by Rehoboth Beach/Dewey Beach Chamber of Commerce

May 13, 2009

Hilton Garden Inn, 1706 N. Dupont Highway, Dover, DE
8:00am
Contact: Judy Diogo at (302) 678-0892

Hosted by Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce

Later this month the Delaware Association of Nonprofit Agencies (DANA) is hosting “What Does the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Mean for Nonprofit Organizations?” on **May 20, 2009**, from 9:30 – 11:30am, at the Embassy Suites Hotel at 654 S. College Avenue; Newark. You can sign up for this free event by faxing or mailing in this [registration form](#). The fax number is: 302-777-5386, and the mailing address is: Delaware Association of Nonprofit Agencies 100 W. 10th Street, Suite 102, Wilmington DE, 19801.

There have been a few new exciting announcements in the last few weeks. It was announced on April 27th, that U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has awarded \$19.5 million for drinking water improvements, funded through the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services. This new infusion of money will help us finance many improvements to water systems infrastructure that are essential to protecting public health and the environment across the state. You can read the full press release here: <http://governor.delaware.gov/news/2009/04april/20090427-waterinfrastructure.shtml#TopOfPage>.

On May 1st it was announced that the Delaware Army National Guard will receive \$1.96 million in stimulus funding. This new infusion of money will help the guard finance some overdue upgrading of buildings, making them more energy efficient. You can read the full press release here: [\\$1.96 Million in Recovery Act Funds for the Delaware Army National Guard Announced by Gov. Markell, Senators Carper and Kaufman and Lt. Gov Denn.](#)

And on Friday, the Delaware Department of Transportation announced the first transportation project breaking ground. The project is an improvement of traffic signals at the intersection of McKennans Church Road and Mill Creek Road off of Kirkwood Highway in Wilmington. The project will include the rebuilding of the intersection, changing signal poles, installing ADA curb ramps, and upgrading the existing pedestrian signals with new LED countdown signals. This one of nine projects to be completed by DelDot with money they have received from the Recovery funds. You can read the full press release here: <http://www.deldot.gov/public.ejs?command=PublicNewsDisplay&id=3353&month=5&year=2009>.