



Dennis McNerney
Bergen County Executive
And
Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders
Announce a

CALL FOR PROJECTS

**UTILIZATION OF AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF
2009
RECOVERY ZONE FACILITY BONDS (RZFB)**

Bergen County is currently seeking applications for participation in Bergen County's Recovery Zone Facility Bonds (RZFB) utilization program.

On February 17, 2009, President Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, which contains within it the American Recovery and Reinvestment Tax Act of 2009. ARRTA creates several new tax-exempt bond and tax-credit programs available to state and local governmental issuers known as Recovery Zone Bonds. The County of Bergen received volume cap allocation in the amount of **\$41,143,000** for the issuances of RZFB's.

The Recovery Act creates a new category of tax-exempt private activity bonds called "Recovery Zone Facility Bonds" to promote economic recovery for qualified businesses and developers in the private sector specifically delineated in "Recovery Zones" within each state. On March 3, 2010, the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders designated the entire county a recovery zone. RZFB's are not subject to Alternative Minimum Tax (ATM) and may be used to finance certain "Recovery Zone Property" including retail, commercial, office, manufacturing, entertainment and warehouse facilities. Recovery Zone Property is depreciable property that satisfied all of the following:

- Constructed, renovated or purchased after the date on which the Recovery Zone designation takes effect (March 3, 2010);
- “Original Use” begins with the taxpayer in the Recovery Zone;
- “Substantially all” of the property is used within the Recovery Zone and used in a “qualified business” in the Recovery Zone.

Ninety-five percent (95%) or more of the net proceeds of Recovery Zone Facility Bonds must be used for Recovery Zone Property.

Recovery Zone Facility Bonds may only be issued prior to **January 1, 2011**.

All projects must be shovel-ready with all their necessary approvals. The County of Bergen will receive the applications. There is a \$1,000 non-refundable application fee. The County of Bergen will determine how many applicants receive these funds and how much will be allocated for each project through the application approval process. Please note that it is the responsibility of the applicant to make sure the documents are received by the County.

Send Application and direct questions to:

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