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Memo

To: All Members of the General Assembly
From: Steven M. Crawford, Secretary for Legislative Affairs
James P. Creedon, Secretary for the Department of General Services
Date: March 11, 2009
Re: Your guide to the Pennsylvania Economic Recovery Package

Enclosed you will find a compact disc containing an electronic copy of the handbook, Your Guide to the Pennsylvania Economic Recovery Package, along with the slides from the Governor's presentation to the Legislature on Tuesday, March 10, 2009. This handbook is designed to provide you with information about the kinds of resources Pennsylvania will receive, how they can be used and who to contact for additional information.

Specific questions concerning the Recovery Plan may be directed to:

Implementation	James Creedon Chief Implementation Officer 717-787-5996
Transportation/Infrastructure	James Ritzman, PE Director of Planning – PennDOT 717-787-3154
Drinking/Wastewater Projects:	Paul K. Marchetti Executive Director – PENNVEST 717-783-4496
Energy	Kelly Heffner Director of Policy – DEP 717-772-3612
Education	Gerald Zahorchak Secretary – Education 717-783-9780

CDBG and CSBG Grants Weatherization Assistance Broadband Programs	Bryce Maretzki Director of Policy – DCED 717-720-1379
Low Income Housing Assistance	Holly Glauser-Abel Director of Development – PHFA 717-780-3994
Medicaid/Food Stamps (SNAP) Child Care Services	BethAnn Smetak, Budget Director – DPW smetak@state.pa.us ML Wernecke, Policy Director – DPW mwernecke@state.pa.us
Workforce/Unemployment/COBRA	Andrea Mead Director of Policy – L&I 717-772-0740
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To those of you who accepted the invitation to attend the personal briefing by the Governor and members of the Administration yesterday: thank you. This is a testament to your understanding of the importance that the federal recovery package will have on the Commonwealth and our citizens.

We want this process to be open and collaborative. It is important to note that several of the implementing bodies (such as MPOs/RPOs, PennVEST and PEDA) maintain legislative representation. Further, the Governor has asked each legislative caucus in Harrisburg and Washington to appoint one member to work with us on a formal accountability committee as we implement the stimulus package.

In addition, please take a moment to visit the newly-created Pennsylvania Recovery website at www.recovery.pa.gov. This website will allow you to track the who, what, when, where and how for the spending of stimulus funds.

We hope you find this information helpful and look forward to working together as we invest these stimulus resources to improve our economy and lives of the citizens of Pennsylvania.