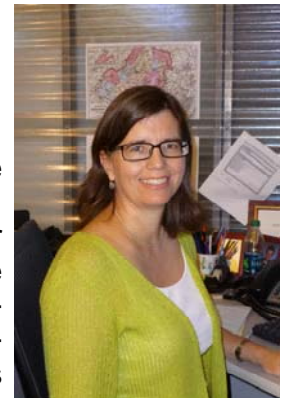


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**Helene Ferm Named Senior Project Manager, Mechanical At PS&S, LLC**

*By: Robert Zito, Zito Partners*



Helene Ferm, Senior Project Manager, Energy Practice of the Mechanical Group, PS&S, LLC

Helene Ferm, an accomplished engineer with more than 20 years experience in the pharmaceutical industry, has joined Paulus, Sokolowski & Sartor, LLC (PS&S), as Senior Project Manager in the Energy Practice of the Mechanical Group. She will be based at PS&S headquarters in Warren, NJ.

“Helene is a major strategic hire for our firm,” said Anthony Sartor, PS&S chairman and chief executive officer. “In our industry she is recognized as a leader in energy management, an expert in identifying and implementing energy conservation opportunities across a wide spectrum of facilities. Helene has strong analytical and leadership skills. We couldn’t be happier to have her join us at this crucial stage in our development and growth.”

Ms. Ferm is a Professional Engineer, Certified Energy Manager and LEED Accredited Professional who joins PS&S following more than two decades at Merck. She launched her career at Merck in 1990 as an Engineering Associate, Central Engineering, supervising the design and commissioning of energy-efficient 100,000+ sq ft. HVAC and building automation systems in pharmaceutical research and manufacturing facilities in the US and Puerto Rico. Ms. Ferm also managed the design and construction of multimillion dollar pharmaceutical facilities. In 1997 Helene joined the Rahway Environmental Group as a Project Environmental Engineer. At that time, she led the site’s cross-functional site-remediation team, managing project schedules and budgets, as well as site-wide emissions reporting, helping Merck reduce SARA emissions by 90%.

In 2004 Ms. Ferm was named Merck’s Senior Energy Analyst, providing leadership to its Energy Program at the Rahway Site and later at 15+ North American sites

while managing the distribution of a \$1 million capital fund for energy projects. She identified and implemented energy conservation measures at US and European sites, employing Lean and Six Sigma methodologies to achieve energy savings in excess of \$1 million annually and water cost reduction at Merck’s Rahway site of more than \$500,000. She also developed and implemented an energy scorecard and a Key Performance Index (KPI) for energy / sustainability for a program that reduced energy use 2% annually and energy intensity more than 30%; and greenhouse gas emissions by more than 16% from 2004-2009.

Ms. Ferm is a Fulbright Scholar, studying HVAC Engineering at the Technical University Berlin. She graduated Princeton University with a B.S.E. in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, and received her M.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

Founded in 1962, Paulus, Sokolowski & Sartor (PS&S) has evolved into a unique best-in-class architecture and engineering (AE) firm, providing design and permitting services to a wide range of corporate, institutional and commercial clients. PS&S is ranked among the top national design firms by Engineering News Record and is recognized both for its breadth of services and depth of expertise. It is a one-stop resource for planning, permitting and design at the local, State and Federal levels.

For further information contact Robert Zito at (917) 692-0747.

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government

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Gloucester County  
Clerk**  
for being reappointed  
to the Delaware River  
and Bay Authority

**Somerset County  
Sheriff's Office**  
for achieving  
Accreditation for  
Law Enforcement  
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Sustainable Jersey's premier event to recognize the certified and registered communities, our sponsors and the outstanding towns, all of whom are making New Jersey a national leader in sustainability.

#### Luncheon Highlights:

- Keynote Speaker, [Mike Italiano](#), CEO of The Institute for Market Transformation to Sustainability
- Certified Communities' Recognition
- Individual Community Awards for Innovation and Creativity, Leadership, Collaboration, Champion
- Corporate Honoree: Covanta Energy Corp.
- Recognition of Sponsors

## Upcoming Sustainable Jersey Events

By: Sustainable Jersey

### Stay for Sustainable Jersey Conference Workshops

Join us as we share best practices at the Sustainable Jersey sessions held throughout the week of the [NJLM 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference](#). [Click here for the Sustainable Jersey workshop listings.](#)

### Ticket Information:

To purchase tickets for the Luncheon via purchase order, voucher, or check, please go to [www.sustainablejersey.com](http://www.sustainablejersey.com) and click on the link to the luncheon.

For further information contact

[www.sustainablejersey.com/News](http://www.sustainablejersey.com/News),

## SAVE THE DATES

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2012**  
**NJAC YEAR END SUMMIT**  
**TRENTON COUNTRY CLUB**  
**WEST TRENTON**

**2013**  
**NJAC ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
**MAY 8TH — MAY 10TH**  
**CAESARS**  
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Getting an annual flu vaccine is the best way to protect yourself from the flu. It's

recommended for most individuals, ages six months and older.

[Get answers to common questions about the flu vaccine](#), including locations where you can get it.

Here are some other ways to [avoid getting the flu and passing it to others](#):

- Wash your hands often with soap and water.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Avoid close contact with sick people.
- Practice good health habits (get adequate sleep, exercise, eat healthy, and drink plenty of fluids).
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.

If you have the flu, stay at home for at least 24 hours after your fever has returned to normal without the use of fever-reducing medications.

Learn more about the flu, including [symptoms, types of vaccines, and high-risk individuals](#).

**Grants and Funding for Brownsfield and Land Revitalization**  
 To Learn More Go To: [http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/grant\\_info/index.htm](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/grant_info/index.htm)

# NJAC Foundation Donates \$8,000 to National Guard Families



L to R: John Donnadio, NJAC Executive Director; Brian Hughes, Mercer County Executive and NJAC Foundation Member; Brigadier General Michael Cunniff, NJ Adjutant General; Len Mayersohn, Executive Director, NGSFRC; Ann Cannon, Mercer County Freeholder & NJAC Board Member; and Angel Estrada, Union County Freeholder & NJAC Executive Board Member

Golfers warmed up on the driving range, which was hosted by Najarian Associates, prior to the 12p.m. shotgun start. Bobby Kauth, Golf Pro of Mercer Oaks West Golf Club, reminded the golfers of the scramble format and course rules. After the review John G. Donnadio, Esq., NJAC Executive Director, thanked all golfers, hosts, and contributors for supporting the NJAC Foundation and NGSFRC.

Each competing golfer did their best on hole #8 to shoot a hole-in-one and opportunity to win the 2012 Lexus ES 350 donated by Lawrence Lexus. Eric Chan, of United Water, came closest to the pin and won a gift certificate for free car detailing from Lawrence Lexus.

United Water hosted the dinner and awards reception where Brian M. Hughes, Mercer County Executive and NJAC Foundation member, presented the \$8,000 check to Brig. General Michael L. Cunniff, NJ Adjutant General, and Len Mayersohn, Executive Director of NGSFRC.

At the September 24<sup>th</sup> NJAC Foundation Annual Golf Outing, \$8,000 was donated to the National Guard State Family Readiness Council (NGSFRC). The NGSRC is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing financial assistance to members of the New Jersey Army and Air National Guard whose immediate family members experience financial hardships during the service member's deployment and up to eighteen months after demobilization.

PNC Bank was the generous Corporate Host to this year's tournament which was held at the Mercer Oaks West Golf Club located in Mercer County. Registration opened at 10a.m. and was followed by a luncheon hosted by CFG Health Systems, LLC. Registrants were greeted by the New Jersey Association of Counties' staff and Ann Cannon, Mercer County Freeholder and NJAC Board Member.



Mercer County Freeholder Pasquale Colavita, Jr. (center) chats with Len Mayersohn, NGSFRC and Brigadier General Michael Cunniff, NJ Adjutant General



Mercer County Freeholder Ann Cannon visits with CFG Health Systems, LLC



Investors Bank Golfers





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## Map Your Gap to Avoid Income Trap

By: Kelly Adams, Senior Marketing Analyst

According to new research, nearly half of Americans are “at risk” of having not enough income to cover basic retirement expenses.

It’s easier to plug a hole if you know how big it is. The Plan’s new *On Your Side* Interactive Retirement Planner – available right now on our website – is designed to help you figure out if you may have a gap and how much you may need to invest every payday to fill it.

If you have questions about market volatility, contact *Anthony Sebro, Investment Advisor Representative, at (800) 675-6244 or SBROA@nationwide.com or David M. Sarmir, CRC, Sr. Retirement Specialist at (877) 677-3678 x43390 or Sarmird@nationwide.com.*

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“This is the largest check the National Guard State Family Readiness Council receives throughout the year. The organization is honored to receive such a generous donation which will help the many families of the men and women serving in the United States’ National Guard,” stated Brig. General Cunniff.



PNC Bank Golfers

During the dinner reception golfers with winning tickets picked up their door prizes donated by Bradford Renaissance Portraits, Caesar’s Entertainment, IZOD Center, Lakewood Blue Claws/JCP&L, Mercer County Park Commission, New Jersey Devils, Somerset County Park Commission, Somerset Patriots Baseball Club, Sun National Bank Center, Trent Thunder, and Union County.



ProAct, Inc. Golfers

Mr. Donnadio congratulated and presented \$100 gift certificates to the team members of CorVel Corporation for taking 1<sup>st</sup> place in the tournament. Afterwards, Mr. Donnadio



John Donnadio awards United Water’s Eric Chan, winner of closest to the pin

thanked other contributors – Birdsall Services Group, Cape May County; Genova Burns Giantomasi & Webster; Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield; GovDeals, Inc.; Monmouth County; Maxons Restorations; Golfsmith; CorVel Corporation; Tom DeGise Civic Association; LIUNA – Eastern Region; Premier Healthcare Resources; Delta Dental; Concord Engineering; PSEG; and Energy Systems Group.

“I would like to thank our participants and supporters for making this event such a success again this year. The monies raised will provide some financial relief and peace of mind to our National Guard families,” Mr. Donnadio stated in closing remarks.



CorVel Corporation First Place Winners



## New Jersey Council on Special Transportation Presents Yearly Recognition Awards

By: Michael M. Vieira, President, NJ COST

The New Jersey Council on Special Transportation (NJ COST), a statewide not for profit advocacy association that for over 31 years has provided information and support for community-based transit services, presented their organizations yearly recognition awards at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Transportation & Paratransit Expo on Friday, September 21, 2012 held at the PNC Bank Arts Center in Holmdel, New Jersey.

According to NJ COST President Michael Vieira, the recognition awards have been presented since 1989 and have been a highlight of the organization for many years. "Each year, the New Jersey Council on Special Transportation presents recognition awards and this year is no different and we are proud to recognize those in our industry who excel." Vieira said.

Vieira continued "It is very difficult for us here in New Jersey to judge our peers, so for the last several years, NJ COST has asked out of state transportation organizations to review the nomination forms." The 2012 nominations were reviewed by the Community Transportation Association of America's Region 2, United We Ride Ambassador and a team of representatives from the states of Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware, Pennsylvania and Washington, DC.

The NJ Council on Special Transportation recognized five categories; Driver, Dispatcher, Maintenance, Administrative and Outstanding System of the Year.

### **2012 Driver of the Year – Haydee Ruiz, Camden County Sen-Han Transit.**

Haydee was not only selected by NJ COST but was previously selected earlier this year by her co-workers as their agency's Driver of the Year. Haydee treats all of her passengers as if they were family and she is known to be concerned about the overall welfare of her passengers and will go above and beyond to provide the service they deserve.

"It gives me great pleasure to award the 2012 Driver

of the Year Award to Camden County's Sen-Han Transit's Haydee Ruiz." said NJ COST President Michael Vieira.

### **2012 Dispatcher of the Year – Karen Allen, Gloucester County Division of Transportation Services.**

Karen has been with her agency since 1986. Still today, she continues to take on additional responsibilities and is a pro at multitasking. Her leadership skills have made dispatch the "Hub" of their operation.

"It gives me great pleasure to award the 2012 Dispatcher of the Year Award to Karen Allen of the Gloucester County Division of Transportation Services". said NJ COST President Michael Vieira.

### **2012 Maintenance Employee of the Year – Scotty LaMantia, Monroe Township.**

Scotty takes pride in servicing Monroe Township's vehicles. Monroe Township's Transportation Director is relieved to know that Scotty makes certain that their bus fleet is his top priority. Vehicle safety is Scotty's main concern.

"It gives me great pleasure to award the 2012 Maintenance Employee of the Year Award to Monroe Township's Scotty LaMantia." said NJ COST President Michael Vieira.

### **2012 Administrative Employee of the Year – Sue Forzani, Bergen County Community Transportation**

Sue started out as a driver in 1987 and is now a key asset and the go to person of the transportation director. She is respected by all of the staff and has sort of become the "Resident Mother."

"It gives me great pleasure in announcing that Bergen County Community Transportation's Sue Forzani has been selected as NJ COST's 2012 Administrative Employee of the Year." said NJ COST President Michael Vieira.

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## Safety Project and Trenton—Mercer Airport is Complete

By: Julie Willmot, Communications/Public Information

Mercer County Executive Brian M. Hughes announced the completion of the installation of Engineered Material Arresting System (EMAS) beds at the ends of Runway 16-34 at Trenton-Mercer Airport. The installation was made possible with a \$13.4 million grant from the Federal Aviation Administration, and a \$353,000 grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

The beds are made of lightweight, crushable concrete blocks constructed at the ends of the runways that are designed to entrap an aircraft that has overrun the runway with little or no damage to the aircraft, and most importantly, no major injuries to passengers, crew, or bystanders. There are currently 55 such systems installed at 37 airports worldwide. To date, there have been eight engagements of aircraft by EMAS in the U.S, with no injuries and little to no damage in each case.

“This project was a success on a number of levels,” said Hughes. “First and foremost, the installation of EMAS will make this facility safer. Second, it employed many dozens of individuals in every trade from engineers to laborers, a good thing in

these tough economic times. Finally, it brings us into compliance with the latest FAA regulations.”

Hughes added, “This new technology will also make us even more competitive as we seek to attract additional tenants looking to locate to a premier aviation facility.” Joining Hughes to place the final blocks were Freeholders Ann Cannon, Tony Carabelli and Pasquale Colavita; and Ewing Mayor Bert Steinmann.

While the airport has completed the design phase for EMAS on Runways 6 and 24, they anticipate construction to begin in late 2012 or more likely in the spring of 2013. Completion of the EMAS installation on both runways will bring the airport into full compliance with new Federal Aviation Administration regulations on Runway Safety Areas (RSA). The EMAS blocks are designed and fabricated by Zodiac-ESCO at a plant in Logan Township, New Jersey.

For further information contact: Julie Willmot at (609) 278-7137.



Peter S. Palmer receives resolution from NJAC President Gardner

### NJAC Board of Directors Meeting

During the September 28<sup>th</sup> NJAC Board of Directors Meeting, business of routine matters and current legislation were discussed. The keynote speaker was NJ DCA Commissioner Richard E. Constable III, who discussed shared services, consolidation, and property tax cap levy. Also Somerset County Freeholder Deputy Director, Peter S. Palmer, was given a resolution honoring his 50 years of public service.

To view more photos go to: [www.njac.org/photogallery](http://www.njac.org/photogallery)



Mark Kataryniak and Hudson County Freeholder Jeffrey Dublin



NJ DCA Commissioner Constable & Tony Sebro



John Donnadio; Commissioner Constable & Mercer County Freeholder Ann Cannon

## NJ COST

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### **2012 Outstanding System of the Year – Essex County Division of Training & Employment for their Job Access Reverse Commute and W.A.V.E. Shuttle Programs.**

Essex County's Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program has become a national model. It was specifically mentioned in the President's 2010 FTA Budget as a "nationwide model for a successful JARC Program."

Aside from their outstanding three JARC Shuttle Programs, Essex County also provides another free shuttle service called WAVE – Workforce Accessible Vehicles of Essex County. The WAVE Shuttle transports residents participating in the County's One Stop Career Center and transports them to a network of social service and government agencies.

"NJ COST is honored to recognize these accomplishments and present the 2012 NJ

Council on Special Transportation's Outstanding System of the Year Award to the Essex County Division of Training and Employment for their JARC and WAVE Shuttle Services." said NJ COST President Michael Vieira.

The New Jersey Council on Special Transportation membership consists of transportation representatives from New Jersey's 21 counties as well as a variety of other agencies, including municipal, state, not-for-profit and private, who specialize in providing transportation services to senior citizens, persons with disabilities, veterans, the economically disadvantaged and in some cases the general public where conventional fixed route transit is not available.

For further information contact Michael M. Vieira, President, (973) 489-5090 or e-mail at njcost@aol.com.



## National Association of Counties (NACo)

### **Funding opportunity from FEMA to increase local resiliency**

On September 27, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced that the application period is open for a new funding opportunity to build local resilience, through a Whole Community approach. Through FEMA and its partners, this new monetary opportunity is designed to continue to move community preparedness forward and assist local areas in building and revitalizing community-based partnerships to advance the nation's resilience to disasters. Additional information on the Challenge program criteria and application process can be found at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) and [www.ResilienceChallenge.org](http://www.ResilienceChallenge.org).  
Contacts: [James Davenport](#) or [Dalen Harris](#) • 888-407-6226

### **Recognize October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month**

NACo President Chris Rodgers is urging counties to show support for National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM) in October by issuing proclamations. Each October, NCSAM reminds us that being safer and more secure online is a shared responsibility—and each of us has an important role to play. Click [here](#) a sample proclamation.

Contacts: [Bev Schlotterbeck](#) • 202.942.4249 or


Contact: [Jerryl Guy](#) • 202.942.4229

### **2013 Legislative Conference registration opens November 27**

Mark your calendars now to attend NACo's annual Legislative Conference, March 2 – 6 at the Washington Hilton in Washington, D.C. Registration will open November 27. Contact: [Kim Struble](#) • 202.942.4288

## Mission Statement

NJAC is committed to advocating for legislation, regulations, and policy directives that empower county governments to operate more effectively and efficiently. As a non-partisan organization that represents the only true regional form of government in the State with a unified and proactive voice, NJAC is dedicated to advancing innovative programs and initiatives for the sole purpose of saving valuable taxpayer dollars.

October 2012				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 National 4-H Week	2 Free eye screening clinic, Monmouth Cty.	3 Influenza Vaccination Clinic, Monmouth Cty.	4 Collection of household hazardous waste begins, Ocean Cty.	5 Small, Min. & Women - Owned Bus. Conf., Mercer Cty.
8 NJAC Observes Columbus Day	9	10	11 Foreclosure Forum, Rahway Pub. Library, Union Cty.	12 Rutgers and NJAC Training
15 Medicare Open Enrollment Part D begins	16 Snow Plow Rodeo, Cape May Cty.	17 Warren Cty. Econ. Dev. Auth. Comm. Seminar	18 Book signing with Brian K. Hemphill, Essex Cty.	19 Rutgers and NJAC Training
22 TB Skin Testing or Mantoux Test, Gloucester Cty.	23 Free McFaul's Halloween Hayride, Bergen Cty.	24	25	26
29	30 Free Job Help Seminar, Atlantic Cty.	31 		

## From the Executive Director's Desk

### PSEG Awards Scholarships for County Vocational Technical School Students

PSEG and the NJAC Foundation have partnered on protecting the environment for future generations by offering scholarships to County Vocational Technical School Students. PSEG awarded the NJAC Foundation a grant of \$12,000.00 for county vocational school graduates who plan to study environmental science, green design, green technology, alternative energy, or other related subjects at a NJ county or state college.

The Foundation plans to distribute one \$650.00 grant in each county where PSEG maintains a service territory or generation facility. These counties include: Bergen, Burlington, Camden, Cumberland, Essex, Gloucester, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Passaic, Salem, Somerset, Sussex, Union, and Warren counties.

The NJAC Foundation is a non-profit organization affiliated with the New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC) and is committed to providing innovative educational opportunities for county vocational school and county college students.

### Rutgers and NJAC Training — October 12th and 19th — Registration is now CLOSED

Thirty-two people have already signed up the first ever "New Jersey County Administrators Certificate Program," recently approved for QPA, CCPO, CMFO, and CCFO credits. This two day training program is open to all local government employees and elected officials that would like to advance their careers in public service. Subject matter experts from across the State will cover essential topics such as public procurement, labor relations, fiscal affairs, and ethics. Courses will take place on October 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at the Rutgers University Center for Government Services located at 303 George Street in New Brunswick. All successful program graduates will receive a certificate from Rutgers University verifying their completion of training.

NJ Counties and NJAC Business Associates are encouraged to submit educational news articles for the monthly e-newsletter. For more information please contact Loren Wizman at 609-394-3467 or [loren@njac.org](mailto:loren@njac.org).