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Latest News

[Unemployment Assistance Fraud Warning](#)

The theft of more than \$44 million in federal funds intended for recently unemployed Pennsylvanians through the federal CARES Act, was traced to 4,000 fraudulent claims through a number of sources including federal and state law enforcement, Minneapolis-based US Bank and the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry. [Read full story.](#)

DGS Salt Contract Results Delayed

Due to technical difficulties at PENNDOT, the state Department of General Services (DGS) will not be posting the 2020-2021 salt contract awards by August 1 as has been done in past years. DGS will post the results soon as soon as they are available.

[Reminder: Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program Applications Due August 12](#)

The Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program is accepting applications until August 12. This grant program is administered by the Office of the Budget for the acquisition and construction of regional economic, cultural, civic, recreational, and historical improvement

projects authorized in the Redevelopment Assistance section of the Capital Budget Itemization Act. [Read full story.](#)

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[An Update On The Right-To-Know Law - Virtual - 8/3/20](#)

This session focuses on significant Right-to-Know Law decisions made in the last year by the courts and the Pennsylvania Office of Open Records. Attendees will also learn about legislative changes and their impact on townships, their procedures, and their public record determinations. In addition, the presenters will explore third-party rights in Right-to-Know requests and appeals. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Administration Point. Eligible for 1 CLE Credit. [Click here](#) to register.

[Procurement Best Practices For Proven Results - Virtual - 8/3/20](#)

As townships strive for better pricing and greater bidder participation, fear of noncompliance and the nature of public bidding may yield disappointing results. However, applying some simple best practices can create conditions that attract more competent bidders and better pricing. Following the analysis of more than 9,500 bids, updated to reflect trends and issues over the past year, this session will offer valuable tips and tricks that produce real results when bidding projects. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Administration Point. [Click here](#) to register.



[PennDOT's Traffic Safety & Operations Funding Programs - Virtual - 08/07/2020](#)

This virtual workshop is designed to provide townships with up-to-date information on two PennDOT grant programs that improve traffic safety and operations: the Green Light-Go and the Automated Red Light Enforcement Funding Programs. The workshop will focus on how to apply for funding and develop a successful application. The panelists will also present case studies of completed projects that used this funding and explain the project delivery process. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Public Works Point. [Click here](#) to register.

[Trenchless Pipe Rehabilitation - What Are My Options? - Virtual - 08/14/2020](#)

Maintaining stormwater and sewer pipe infrastructure can be expensive. Trenchless pipe rehabilitation is an economical alternative to full replacement. During this workshop, the presenters will explore several options, including slip lining, cured in place pipe (CIPP), portland and geopolymer mortar spray lining, and invert repair with concrete or concrete cloth. Participants will break into groups to discuss the pros and cons of each technology and share solutions. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Public Works Point. [Click here](#) to register.

[Flagger Training - 8/14/20 - Beaver County](#)

This instructor-led flagger training will be conducted for individuals who have flagging responsibilities on ANY ROAD OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Others who would benefit from this course include: utility companies working on low volume roads, law enforcement personnel, municipal managers and elected officials (to understand the importance, and for budgeting purposes). This in-person training is eligible for 2 PMGA Public Works points. [Click here](#) to register.



[Flagger Training - 8/14/20 - Berks Co. \(P.M. Session\)](#)

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