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Township Video News



TVN's Question of the Week | What rules do we follow when spending ARP funds?

Townships must follow all federal and state laws and regulations when using ARP funds. Also, [click here](#) to catch up on previous Questions of the Week.

Latest News

DCNR Accepting Applications for Grants to Fight Wildfires

The state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources is accepting applications to help Pennsylvania's rural communities increase protection from wildfires. Funded through federal grants, this money helps fire companies in rural areas or communities with fewer than 10,000 residents with training and equipment purchases directly related to fighting forest and brush fires. **Grant applications must be submitted electronically and are due May 12.**

Priority is placed on projects that include wildfire suppression equipment and protective clothing. Grants may also be used for purchasing mobile or portable radios, installing dry hydrants, wildfire prevention and mitigation work, training wildfire fighters, or converting and maintaining federal excess vehicles. Grants are on a cost-share basis and cannot exceed 50% of actual expenditures. The maximum grant is \$12,500. [Click here](#) for more information.

Reminder: SAM.gov Registration Is Free!

PSATS received several reports about suspicious emails claiming to be SAM.gov registration renewals, often stating that users need to pay a fee to renew their information. **The System for Award Management (SAM) is a 100% free government website.** The U.S. government will never send an email requesting payment to register or update information.

Be on the lookout for email addresses that try to mimic government email addresses, for example, "sam-registration-gov@gsasam.com." In general, emails from the federal government will come from a **.gov** or a **.mil** email domain. Look at both the sender's display name and the sender's email address to verify if it is a legitimate email. If you are suspicious, **do not respond or click on any links.**

Please note that SAM.gov registrations **need to be renewed each year.** When you receive an official email telling you to renew, which will come from a **.gov** domain, check your original registration email, which will have your township's SAM.gov expiration date. You should renew a few days before your expiration date.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming or implying affiliation with the U.S. government (*or which a reasonable person could confuse with an official message from the government*), you can:

- ❑ Forward the email to the Federal Trade Commission Unsolicited Consumer Emails (UCE) program at spam@uce.gov.
- ❑ Report the contact to the Federal Bureau of Investigation [Internet Crime Complaint Center](#) (IC3).

Today in History.....

On February 17, 1801, Thomas Jefferson was elected the third president of the United States. The election constitutes the first peaceful transfer of power from one political party to another in the United States.

Federalists advocated for a strong centralized government, a standing military and financial support of emerging industries. In contrast, Jefferson's Republicans preferred limited government, unadulterated states' rights and a primarily agrarian economy. They feared that Federalists would abandon revolutionary ideals and revert to the English monarchical tradition.

Learn

PSATS educational events will be listed as follows: Mondays – All webinars; Tuesdays – Administrative; Wednesdays – Planning/Zoning; Thursdays – Public Works; Fridays – Public Safety.

Flagger Training

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).



[4/11/22 - Greene County](#)

[4/12/21 - Bedford County](#)

[4/27/22 - Pike County](#)

[2022 Engineers Spring Seminar - 4/25 & 4/26, 2022](#)

The 2022 Spring Township Engineers Seminar is a 2 half-day event. Each morning's agenda includes important issues of interest to municipal engineers and their local government clients taught by knowledgeable and respected subject matter experts.



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