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## MONTHLY UPDATE

### NJ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY'S OFFICE OF RECOVERY MOVES TO FORT



On October 2, the New Jersey Economic Development Authority's (EDA) Office of Recovery located 16 staff members at Fort Monmouth's Russel Hall. The Office of Recovery's primary location at the EDA in Trenton was established immediately following Superstorm Sandy to administer New Jersey's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery Action Plan funding to businesses affected by the storm.

"The move to Fort Monmouth was imperative," EDA Office of Recovery's Director Linda Kellner said. "We did it in order to be more accessible to businesses in some of the hardest hit communities by Superstorm Sandy."

The Office of Recovery administers Stronger NJ Business Grant, Loan and Neighborhood Community Revitalization Programs. The Stronger NJ Business Grant Program launched two days after the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) approved New Jersey's CDBG Disaster Recovery Action Plan

Businesses are able to schedule appointments with business advisors at the Fort to get help with their grant applications. Walk-ins are also readily accommodated. Additionally, the new Ft. Monmouth office location better enables the business advisors to be on location in communities to assist businesses.

“We are always looking for ways to better support Superstorm Sandy-impacted businesses, so moving staff members to Russel Hall at Fort Monmouth made a lot of sense.” Kellner noted.

Information on the Stronger NJ Business Programs is available including the complete list of eligibility crite-

ria and eligible uses of funds visit <http://application.njeda.com/strongernjbusiness> or call EDA’s Sandy hotline at 1-855-SANDY-BZ (1-855-726-3929).

## LANGAN-MATRIX APPROVED TO BE FMERA’S ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY CONSULTANT

At its October 2013 meeting, members of the Board approved the Langan-Matrix Team as FMERA’s Environmental Advisory Consultant. Pursuant to the Request for Proposals (RFP), Langan-Matrix will provide Environmental Advisory Consulting Services to facilitate the conveyance of Fort Monmouth property from the U.S. Army to FMERA, helping to protect the community’s interests.

The RFP, issued on June 28, 2013, solicited proposals from qualified firms interested in performing environmental advisory consulting services tasks for FMERA. The proposals were due on August 2, 2013 and four compliant proposals were received. The Evaluation Committee independently scored each of the four proposals with an emphasis on relevant experience and management approach, and then met to review the scores as a team.

Following the Committee’s finding that the Langan-Matrix team submitted the highest ranked proposal,

FMERA entered into negotiations with them to secure a fair and reasonable price in accordance with the RFP. FMERA was able to negotiate hourly fees that are in line with the industry norm and equal to or less than the Authority’s prior Environmental Services contract. The contract with Langan-Matrix is for a term of 24 months with FMERA’s option to extend the contract for up to an additional 24 months.

“The approval of the Environmental Advisory Consultant is an essential step as we continue our efforts to carefully coordinate the development of Fort Monmouth property,” said FMERA Executive Director Bruce Steadman. “With the Langan-Matrix team on our side, we are now in a better position to advance FMERA’s mission to create an atmosphere in which employers will employ and investors will invest, to maximize the jobs created and the value of the property.”



## COMMUNITY BUS TOUR — DATE CHANGE, SEATS STILL AVAILABLE

The FMERA Community Bus Tour originally scheduled for Tuesday, October 29, 2013 has been postponed until **Thursday, November 7, 2013**. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

The tour will leave from the Visitor Center on Oceanport Avenue at 10:00 am on November 7, 2013. If you reserved a seat for the October 29, 2013 tour, FMERA will hold your reservation for the November 7, 2013 tour unless we are notified otherwise. Members of the public who have not yet reserved a seat on the bus can do so by

emailing [FMERAINFO@njeda.com](mailto:FMERAINFO@njeda.com). Reservations are made on a first come, first serve basis, and please note that due to the capacity of the buses, the tour will be limited to 60 members of the public.

The FMERA staff looks forward to the opportunity to tour the former Fort with members of the public and speak about the redevelopment effort. Thank you.

## CUSHMAN & WAKEFIELD TO PRESENT AT NOVEMBER MEETING

FMERA continues to work with our Master Broker, Cushman & Wakefield, to market the former Fort property to prospective investors and employers. Staff conducts two to three tours or more per week with interested purchasers, and are optimistic that marketing efforts will attract good investment.

Cushman & Wakefield representatives will make a presentation at the November 13, 2013 FMERA Board Meeting to provide more information on their efforts, and an overview of current market conditions and how they relate to the former Fort.

**FMERA's Monthly Newsletter is available online at [www.fortmonmouthredevelopment.com](http://www.fortmonmouthredevelopment.com) following each Board meeting. To be added to the email distribution list, please send a request, with contact information, to Scott Oliva at [soliva@njeda.com](mailto:soliva@njeda.com).**

### ***FMERA's Mission:***

***To create an atmosphere in which employers will employ and investors will invest, to maximize the jobs created and the value of the property.***

Note: FMERA Board action is subject to a ten (10) day veto period by the Governor.