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TO: Local and Agency H&S Chairs, Council Leaders, Executive Board

FROM: Kenneth Brynien

DATE: November 10, 2006

RE: Memo from Kathy D'Arminio

Please review the attached memo from PEF Statewide Health and Safety chair Kathy D'Arminio. It provides important information about the health and safety grant funding that will expire on April 1, 2007. To take advantage of this funding leaders must act now.



PEF Health & Safety Department

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To: Local and Agency H&S Chairs, Council Leaders, Executive Board
From: Kathy D'Arminio, Statewide Health & Safety Chair
Date: November 9, 2006
Re: Safety and Health Initiatives Program [SHIP]

I would like to remind everyone that there are still monies available in the Safety and Health Initiatives Program [SHIP] under Article 18.4 of your contract. The SHIP provides grant funding to assist agencies in developing safety and health programs. Representatives of the Governor's Office of Employee Relations [GOER] and the Public Employees Federation [PEF] from the State of New York/ PEF Statewide Health & Safety Committee are available to assist in developing grant proposals. The grants can be used to support a variety of programs and training efforts to improve the safety and health of an agency's workforce. We will also suggest qualified program and training providers upon request.

Examples of fundable projects:

- Infection Control Certification Training
- Workplace Violence Prevention Program
- Back Injury/Ergonomics Program/Training
- Bloodborne Pathogens and TB training
- Supervisors' Health and Safety Training
- Right to Know Training
- Emergency Preparedness/Response

We encourage multi-agency or statewide projects. A project may include employees of other bargaining units as long as PEF-represented employees benefit from it.

The current contract expires **April 1, 2007** and there are no assurances that any money will be available for these activities until a successor agreement is negotiated. Please take advantage of this program while it is available.

I have enclosed a SHIP application for your convenience. You can also find this on the PEF web site at: www.pef.org and click on "Health and Safety".

If you have any questions or need assistance in completing the application, please feel free to contact me. You can reach me via e-mail at kdarminio@pef.org. You can also reach me via phone at 800-342-4306 ext. 252.

Enclosure

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