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NJAA Meets with Governor and State's Top Transportation Leaders to Discuss State Monetization Plan

NJAA Praises Governor for Recognizing Aviation as a Component of the State's Transportation Infrastructure

(Trenton, NJ) – On January 8th 2008, immediately following Governor Corzine's State of the State Address, the New Jersey Aviation Association was invited to participate with other leaders of New Jersey's transportation community to discuss Governor Corzine's financial restructuring plan.

"We appreciate that Governor Corzine has recognized that aviation is an essential part of the transportation infrastructure in New Jersey," said Justin Edwards, NJAA Chairman who attended the meeting. "The Governor has outlined in detail his plan to improve New Jersey's transportation system and the NJAA looks forward to working with the Administration over the next few months to solve many of the State's transportation needs."

The NJAA supports the effort that the Governor is making and encourages the Governor to utilize the resources of New Jersey's 46 general aviation airports to alleviate future potential freight issues.

NJAA Board Member Deana Lykins, along with Board Member Bob Checchio also attended the meeting with the Governor and added, "Aviation is a strong part of New Jersey's transportation infrastructure and faces many challenges every day. The Governor has promised us his commitment to aviation and we will work with him and his administration to make sure all of the aviation community's needs are met."

NJAA hopes to continue to be involved in further dialogue regarding the state's plan for financial restructuring. NJAA commends the governor for seeing the need to invest in the future of aviation as it continues to be a major part of New Jersey transportation.

The **New Jersey Aviation Association** is dedicated to the promotion and protection of the state's aviation industry. Its mission is to promote aviation as a key component of the state's intermodal transportation system; increase awareness of the positive economic contributions of the state's aviation industry; influence public policy to protect and promote aviation; work to balance the interests of local communities and the aviation industry; and promote the New Jersey airport system which drives commerce and economic growth. For more information, go to www.njaviation.org.