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March 1, 2012

Dear NYCLASS Participants:

On behalf of the NYCLASS Governing Board, I am pleased to announce several exciting changes to our program.

The Village of Potsdam has been authorized to serve as Lead Participant under the NYCLASS Investment Municipal Cooperation Agreement and the Village Administrator shall serve as the Lead Fiscal Officer. Mr. David Fenton, Potsdam Village Administrator has been a long time Board member and supporter of the Cooperative. The village is very enthusiastic about this opportunity.

As a result of the change in Lead Participant, all participants will be required to have their governing board adopt a resolution (see attachment) to reflect the amendment to the Cooperative Agreement you originally approved when joining NYCLASS. **This resolution requires your immediate attention, as it must be adopted no later than April 20, 2012. Please do not delay.**

In November 2011, the Board issued a Request for Proposal for Administrative Services. Several proposals were received and reviewed by the Contract Services Committee and the Board. At our meeting last week the Board awarded a three-year contract to JP Morgan Asset Management and First Southwest Asset Management who will now serve as our new program administrators. JPMorgan Asset Management, Inc. will provide investment management, fund accounting, transfer agency and custodial services and First Southwest Asset Management, Inc. will provide administrative, marketing and participant services for the pool. Their partnership reflects a proven track record of two well-respected firms in managing local government investment pools and brings to NYCLASS the global presence and resources of one of the largest asset managers in the world with the personalized service and experience of one of the leading financial advisory firms in the state.

We have recently started the transition process and will work to make this conversion as smooth as possible. This requires no immediate action on your part at this time. However, please be aware that there will be some procedural changes as we move forward. First Southwest and JP Morgan will be contacting you in the upcoming weeks to discuss their new relationship with NYCLASS. In the meantime, the Governing Board, Cutwater Asset Management, JP Morgan and First Southwest will work together on providing a seamless transition to the new team.

The exciting news that comes from our new administrators is that you will again earn interest on your deposits with NYCLASS! As the economy recovers, please know that the NYCLASS Governing Board will continue to make changes for the benefit of our participants and their communities. The Governing Board would like to assure you that the NYCLASS program remains dedicated to providing the safety, convenience and liquidity to our participants that you have come to expect.

We look forward to an exciting future and developing our new partnerships. Please join me in welcoming these changes. If you have additional questions please feel free to contact a board member or myself.

Sincerely,



Kathleen Saville
Chairperson