

# New Jersey Association of Counties

## **NJAC, WALMART JOIN ON GREEN INTERNSHIP**

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TRENTON – At its 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Atlantic City the New Jersey Association of Counties today announced a new internship program to teach vocational students emerging “green” technologies.

The structured learning program, funded by a major donation by WalMart, is the first of its kind in New Jersey.

“This program is going to expose students to the energy technologies on which the economy will depend,” said Celeste Carpiano, NJAC Executive Director. “It will benefit counties as well by developing a pool of potential employees who know those technologies.”

Under the NJAC/WalMart Green Internship Program, one student from each of the 21 county vocational/technical schools will be chosen to participate in the internship. The students will work at county government facilities on projects involving green technology, including:

- Energy efficient heating and air condition systems;
- Alternative energy production facilities
- Alternative fuel vehicle fleets
- “Green” purchasing programs
- Transportation projects
- Other projects organized around environmental sustainability

WalMart executive Jennifer Hoehn, who this afternoon presented the NJAC Foundation with a check for \$50,000, said the program meets two of the retail giant’s objectives.

“This program accomplishes two goals that are so very important to our future—improving the environmental sustainability of our counties and giving college students an opportunity to gain experience in green technology. Wal-Mart is proud to be working with the NJAC Foundation to make this program possible

Hoehn, whose title is Senior Manager for Public Affairs, pointed out that WalMart has invested billions of dollars to boost energy efficiency in its facilities and

logistics operations. It also gives millions to local organizations like NJAC to support programs that encourage environmental sustainability.

“WalMart is an international leader in environmental sustainability,” said Hoehn. “It really is part of our corporate culture. That is why we are so proud to support the NJAC/WalMart Green Internship Program.”

For more information about NJAC, visit [www.njac.org](http://www.njac.org). For more information about WalMart’s activities in support of environmental sustainability, visit <http://walmartstores.com/Sustainability/>.

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