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**NJ SEED ELECTS 2010 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**TRENTON-** At the quarterly NJ SEED Board of Trustees Meeting on December 2, 2009, the 2010 Executive Committee was elected by the Board of Trustees. The elected slate included James Benton of the NJ Petroleum Council as President, Vice President/Labor, Charlie Wowkanech(AFL/CIO) and Vice President/Business, Art Guida (PSE&G). Charlene Brown (AT&T) was elected Treasurer, and John Torok (The Torok Group) and Dan O'Connell (United Transportation Union) will serve another term as Secretary and Assistant Secretary respectively. Outgoing President Joseph McNamara will continue on the Executive Committee as the Immediate Past President.

Executive Director James C. Morford, announced his retirement from that position but will remain involved with NJ SEED as Executive Director Emeritus. As a result of Morford's retirement, Michael Drulis was named Executive Director.

For more than thirty years, NJ SEED has supported balanced public policies that create private sector jobs, bolster our economy and enhance our environment. What we all have in common is the belief that economic growth and environmental protection are not mutually exclusive. To that end, NJ SEED is uniquely and best positioned to bridge the gap between the incoming Governor and Legislature to build consensus on critical issues that will grow New Jersey's economy and strengthen its work force.

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