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Deadline Approaching to Apply for Bergen LEADS Class of 2014

Bergen County: Applications are due April 12, 2013, for Bergen LEADS, an innovative, 10-month learning and leadership program for adults who live or work in Bergen County.

Men and women from the private sector, nonprofit agencies and government organizations, as well as community volunteers, are encouraged to submit an application form, available at www.bergenleads.org.

Bergen LEADS is sponsored by the Volunteer Center of Bergen County, which has successfully engaged Bergen County residents in civic life for more than 40 years. Bergen LEADS - led by former Bergen County Executive William "Pat" Schuber - carries on that tradition by providing an extraordinarily rich, diverse and stimulating program focusing on topical issues, leadership and community trusteeship.

"We're seeking individuals from all ethnic, racial and socio-economic backgrounds who espouse different political, religious and social views," says Mr. Schuber. "In short, we want our class to represent and celebrate the rich diversity of Bergen County."

Participants will be selected on the basis of demonstrated interest in the community, achievement in their professions and/or volunteer activities, and potential for responsible and effective leadership.

For more information on the Bergen LEADS program, go to www.bergenleads.org or call Amanda Missey at 201-489-9454, ext. 119, or email amissey@bergenvolunteers.org.

Founded by the Junior League in 1966, the mission of the Volunteer Center of Bergen County is to strengthen the community by connecting people with opportunities to serve, operating direct service volunteer programs, building capacity for effective volunteering, and participating in strategic partnerships that meet community needs.

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Adults who live or work in Bergen County can experience Bergen County's educational, environmental, economic and political diversity from behind the scenes. Deadline to apply for the 2014 class of Bergen LEADS, Bergen County's premier learning and leadership program for adults, is April 12th. Visit www.bergenleads.org for application form or call 201-489-9454.

Members of a Bergen LEADS class learn firsthand how the Paramus Police Department ensures that residents, businesses, schools and thousands of daily mall visitors are kept safe.