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State Vehicles Removed From Fleet By Governor Corzine Go On Auction Block

TRENTON – A new assortment of cars, trucks and SUVs recently removed from use by Governor Corzine in a significant reduction of the number of vehicles in the State fleet will be available for purchase by the public at the State’s next auction on Saturday, September 19, in West Trenton.

“The Governor took these vehicles out of the State fleet as part of a continuing effort to cut costs in order to reduce the burden on taxpayers to fund the operations of our government,” State Treasurer David Rousseau said. “Now we are making them available at auction and the money realized is additional revenue for the State.”

The vehicles available for auction are some of the 445 ordered “recalled” by the Governor earlier this year. The recall focused on removing high-mileage, less efficient and underutilized vehicles that were identified through a comprehensive, agency-by-agency review by the Department of the Treasury’s Motor Pool. The recall reduced the State’s annual maintenance and fuel expenses by an estimated \$1.1 million, while also reducing the environmental impact from the State fleet.

The recall reduced the State’s passenger fleet total to less than 9,700, which compares to 10,550 when Governor Corzine took office in January of 2006. In addition, more than 1,000 state-issued credit cards used to buy fuel for the fleet were shredded by the Governor earlier this year after a purchasing process that resulted in significant savings was established.

The Department of the Treasury’s Division of Purchase and Property conducted 11 vehicle and heavy equipment auctions in Fiscal Year 2009 and sold 1,290 units, which netted more than \$1.55 million for the State budget. So far in Fiscal Year 2010, there have been two auctions where 228 units were sold for a net of about \$286,000.

The Purchase and Property Division, through its Distribution and Support Services (DSS) office, will have 110 vehicles on the auction block on Saturday. The auction starts at 9 a.m. at the State Distribution Center, 1620 Stuyvesant Avenue in West Trenton. Vehicles

are sold “as is” and buyers can inspect them from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, and on Saturday beginning at 8 a.m.

More information on the auction and a link to the vehicles available can be found at <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/>