



MR. RONALD D. WINTHERS – Chairman
DR. LAWRENCE A. NESPOLI – President

News Release

Contact: Jacob C. Farbman, APR, (609) 392-3434, (609) 802-7814 or jfarbman@njccc.org

Date: June 22, 2010

For Immediate Release

NJ Utilities Association President Honored with Community College Spirit Award

TRENTON, N.J.—At its annual Trustee Conference on June 21, the New Jersey Council of County Colleges presented the 2010 Community College Spirit Award to New Jersey Utilities Association President Karen Alexander for her exemplary support of New Jersey’s community colleges.

“Since its inauguration in 1993, the Community College Spirit Award has been an honor bestowed to those who embody the community college spirit – perseverance, dedication and excellence,” said NJCCC Chairman Ronald Winthers.

Alexander was recognized for her leadership in partnering NJUA with the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development and New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development to provide workforce training to utility companies throughout the state.

The Workforce Consortium is a central one-stop contact that develops and delivers education and training programs to New Jersey businesses, agencies and organizations.

NJUA, the Labor Department and the Workforce Consortium have offered over 130

-more-

NJUA President Community College Award / page two

classes to train nearly 1,700 employees at NJUA-member companies throughout the state over the last three years.

Alexander has served as president and chief executive officer of NJUA since July 2006. As NJUA's chief executive, she manages the daily operations of the association, and plans, oversees and implements the legislative and regulatory advocacy, public relations and member education programs of the association.

Prior to her position at NJUA, Alexander was president of the New Jersey Cable Telecommunications Association (NJCTA), a position she held from April 1998 to June 2006. In her role at NJCTA, she represented the cable television industry before Congress, the State Legislature, federal and state regulatory agencies, the media and the general public.

Prior to NJCTA, Alexander served as vice president of public affairs for Ogden Energy Group, Inc., now Covanta Energy. She has also held a variety of senior management positions at the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

She is a graduate of Brown University in Providence, R.I. and holds a bachelor's degree in sociology.

The New Jersey Utilities Association is the voluntary statewide trade association of investor-owned utilities that provide natural gas, electric, telecommunications, water and wastewater services to New Jersey residents and businesses.

The New Jersey Council of County Colleges is the state association representing New Jersey's 19 community colleges. As an independent, trustee-headed organization that joins the

NJUA President Community College Award / page three

leadership of trustees and presidents, the Council is the voice of the community college sector before the state legislature and other branches of government. The Council is also the state coordinating organization for all community colleges in New Jersey.