

Division of School Facilities



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Federal Tax Credit Bonds

The Department is accepting Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB) applications until April 17, 2015. The Department currently has \$1,435,000 of QZAB issuing authority to distribute to qualifying schools units. QZABs can be used for rehabilitation or repair of public schools among other uses. The QZAB application and additional information are available at <http://www.maine.gov/doe/facilities/federal/index.html>.

Maintenance

School Facilities Conference – The annual state school facilities conference will be June 23-24, 2015 at Colby College in Waterville, Maine. The conference format is all new this year. Training is free (includes breakfast, lunch and lodging). Registration is required. Register at this site: <http://www.epmamaine.com/> ; click on the events tab.

- ⇒ Facilities Inventory – The due date for the facilities inventory has been moved to July 31, 2015 in order to provide time for technical revisions to the NEO Facilities system. NEO Facilities training, session IV, annual reports, is scheduled for this conference.
- ⇒ Integrated Pest Management (IPM) - Mandatory IPM training will be available at this conference.

Safety and Security

- Chemical Inventory – In support of school safety, please file a copy of your annual chemical inventories (lab and non-lab) with your **local fire department** during the summer of 2015.
- Emergency Preparedness – LD 97, Resolve Directing the Department of Education to Amend the School Emergency Drill Rules, recently became law. The “resolve directs the Department of Education to amend school emergency evacuation rules to include lockdown drills as well as emergency evacuation drills within the established required number of drills to be performed.” Here is a link to the resolve: <http://legislature.maine.gov/LawMakerWeb/summary.asp?ID=280054149>

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