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Dear fellow APCO Atlantic Chapter members,

It is with regret that the APCO Atlantic Executive Board has decided to defer the 2009 Atlantic Chapter Conference and Fall Meeting scheduled this fall in New Jersey until the fall of 2010.

In this difficult economic environment, we found most agencies in our Chapter are experiencing severe budget cuts and that travel – especially out-of-state travel – has been severely limited or denied altogether. After much discussion, the Board was not confident that member attendance at the conference would be representative of the Chapter sufficient to conduct Chapter business and would not justify the investment of time and resources of the conference committee, vendors, presenters, and volunteers. Therefore, in the best interest of our Chapter, the Board felt the only financially responsible course of action was to defer the Fall Conference and related Chapter Business and elections until the fall of 2010. We hope that the economic and agency budgetary situations will improve by next fall and this action will allow the New Jersey Conference Committee the optimum amount of time to develop a strong, well attended conference. This will also give agencies and our member's sufficient time to have the financial resources that are causing travel restrictions and thus, will allow the Chapter to have a well-attended conference.

Please be assured that the Atlantic Chapter of APCO is financially and organizationally strong and your Board of Officers will continue to act in the best interests of you, our members, during these difficult economic times.

Thank you for your continued support of the Atlantic Chapter.

Sincerely,
Charlene A. Fisk
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