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TRENTON – Governor Mikie Sherrill today announced a call for submissions for the pilot phase of the Permitting Dashboard on her 100th day in office, the first public-facing tool of its kind in New Jersey that will help streamline and bring greater transparency to the state’s permitting process. This is part of a whole-of-government effort to reform the state’s permitting system to save businesses and residents time and money.

The pilot will solicit applications from energy, commercial, and multi-family housing projects that have recently submitted—or are about to submit—permit applications to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, New Jersey Department of Transportation, and/or New Jersey Department of Community Affairs. Up to 10 projects will be randomly selected from this pool for the pilot, allowing them to track the progress of their cross-agency permits in one place. This pilot will begin developing a system that can be scaled in the future and support the Sherrill Administration in making the permitting process faster and easier. The application period will be open until May 21, and the public can find more information on [Permits.NJ.Gov](#).

“On Day One, I committed to cutting permitting times and delivering real accountability to make it easier and faster to build in New Jersey. Since then, we’ve laid the groundwork, and on our 100th day, we are proud to announce a call for submissions to the Permitting Dashboard pilot,” **said Governor Sherrill**. “This is a critical step toward a more streamlined system, saving New Jerseyans time and money and making it easier to build more housing, open businesses, and deliver critical infrastructure across our state. That will drive affordability, job creation, economic growth, and opportunities for New Jersey families.”

“Governor Sherrill signed Executive Order 5 on her first day in office to ensure that state government operates more effectively, more transparently, and more responsively for the people it serves. The Permitting Dashboard is essential to this mission – it will allow businesses and developers to see exactly where their permits stand and will help reduce delays and costs to improve affordability for New Jersey families. I’m excited to take this next step with the launch of applications for the Permitting Dashboard pilot and look forward to continuing to develop this tool to save time and money for New Jerseyans.” **said Kellie Doucette, Chief Operating Officer**.

“Throughout the first 100 days, DEP has hit the ground running on the Sherrill Administration’s mission to save New Jerseyans time and money by modernizing the permitting process, making it faster, more transparent, and more responsive to residents and businesses. We’ve launched Operation FAST for energy projects and held dozens of listening sessions with industry and nonprofit partners to identify and address key bottlenecks,” **said DEP Commissioner Potosnak**. “The permitting dashboard will build on that progress and will later help accelerate the development of critical energy infrastructure—speeding up power generation while supporting cleaner air, water, and a healthier environment for the long term. I’m proud to join my colleagues in marking this important milestone as we move forward with this work.”

Powered by the New Jersey Innovation Authority and in partnership with State agencies, the full Permitting Dashboard will eventually allow applicants and members of the public to track permit applications, across state agencies in one place. The dashboard will display target due dates, next steps, and status updates for each of their permits. This will boost transparency and accountability, helping, streamline approval timelines, and break down permitting barriers and delays. Visitors can find a preview of what the Permitting Dashboard will look like at [Permits.NJ.Gov](#).

This announcement follows significant progress made by the Sherrill Administration in the first 100 Days to streamline permitting processes and improve government transparency and accountability, including the:

- Establishment of the cross-agency Permitting Governing Council—bringing together DEP, DCA, DOT, NJIA, and the Governor’s Office—to drive strategy, coordination, and accountability for the Administration’s permitting reform efforts.

- Completion of detailed Permit Catalogs by State agencies as directed under Executive Order 5 to help the Administration better understand the current state of permitting, identify pain points, and target improvements.
- Announcement of a budget proposal that will expand capacity and staffing to ensure State agencies have the resources they need to process permits efficiently.
- Gathering of input from over 350 members of the business community, as part of the ongoing 21-county tour and direct engagement.

What They're Saying

"Governor Sherrill's permitting dashboard reflects a simple but important principle: state government should be easier to navigate and more accountable to the people and businesses it serves," **said NJDOT Commissioner Priya Jain**. "NJDOT's e-permitting system already provides convenience, transparency, and efficiency to our valued customers. This new dashboard will strengthen coordination across agencies, reducing uncertainty and keeping important projects moving forward. NJDOT is proud to be part of this cross-government effort to make state government more transparent, responsive, and accountable."

"Since day one, Governor Sherrill has brought state agencies together to deliver on critical priorities for New Jerseyans – building more housing, lowering energy costs and increasing clean energy production, and developing critical infrastructure projects. Issuing permits efficiently and transparently is foundational to that," **said New Jersey State Chief Innovation Officer Dave Cole**. "The Innovation Authority's purpose is to ensure the State has the capacity it needs to deliver, and today – at the 100-day mark – we're welcoming applicants to join the Permitting Dashboard pilot."

"We are excited to be part of the Governor's ambitious and important agenda to make permitting more straightforward and streamlined, which will help keep construction projects, such as residential housing, moving forward." **said New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Commissioner Jacquelyn A. Suárez**. "At the Department of Community Affairs, we are exploring ways to move toward a unified system so that whether a person is applying for a permit in one municipality or another, the process is consistent."

"I'm encouraged to see the Administration continuing efforts to expedite the permitting process in our state as a way to improve efficiency and help move important projects forward," **said Speaker Craig J. Coughlin**. "The Assembly has long been focused on cutting unnecessary red tape, supporting small businesses, and finding ways to make government processes more transparent and accessible, and I look forward to continuing those efforts in this legislative session and working with Governor Sherrill. Moving forward, we will continue supporting the kinds of efforts that make State government more responsive and efficient for all, without compromising the standards and protections New Jerseyans have come to expect."

"This is an important step forward in making government work more efficiently and more effectively," **said Senator Paul Sarlo, chair of the Senate Budget Committee**. "It will bring greater transparency and predictability to the permitting process. Cutting red tape and streamlining the bureaucracy will help advance the construction of housing, power generation and other priorities that are so important to the state's economy and our quality of life."

"New Jersey's permitting process should work with clarity, speed, and accessibility," **said Assemblyman Spearman (D-Camden, Gloucester)**. "As the Chair of the Assembly Commerce & Economic Development Committee, I have focused on finding ways to make it easier to do business in New Jersey. That's why our committee advanced A4275 last month. The legislation would establish an online Statewide tracking system for certain permits, licenses, certifications, and form applications. I'm glad to see that Governor Sherrill shares our vision for increasing transparency in the permitting approvals process and is launching this New Jersey Permitting Dashboard. This is about making sure people are not in the dark as they wait for critical approvals."

"For too long, businesses in New Jersey have faced unnecessary delays getting projects off the ground due to red tape and slow, unpredictable permitting processes. These barriers have made it harder to invest, expand, and compete. We commend Governor Sherrill and her administration for the work they have done in the first 100 days towards streamlining permitting, reducing delays, and modernizing state operations. Creating a faster, more transparent, and predictable regulatory environment is essential to keeping New Jersey competitive and open for business. These reforms will help unlock stalled projects, accelerate capital investment, and support job creation across the state – sending a clear signal that New Jersey is serious about growth and economic opportunity." **said Michael Egenton, Executive Vice President, Government Relations, New Jersey Chamber of Commerce**.

"Governor Sherrill's permitting dashboard is the kind of solutions-driven tool that creates real economic opportunity. For Hispanic-owned and other small businesses, as well as our partners, a single platform that tracks applications across agencies in real time brings long-needed transparency to a process that has often been challenging to business owners. It means faster approvals, lower costs and a clearer path to grow and compete in New Jersey." We are grateful to have a seat at the table. Our mantra is 'Juntos Somos Familia' – and when Hispanic businesses thrive, all businesses thrive, including the 45% of our members who are non-Latino. That strengthens New Jersey's economy and creates opportunity across the state. That is what real impact looks like." **said John Lucas, Interim President, Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey**.

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