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Many candidates and treasurers now can quickly figure out what forms they need to file with the NJ Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC) using a new electronic short-cut available on the agency's website.

Todd Wojcik, Director of Campaign Financing, said at least 30 to 40 percent of the telephone calls received by the agency involve questions about what forms candidates or treasurers have to fill out to comply with campaign finance reporting requirements.

While the information is available in compliance manuals that are available online, ELEC staff decided to develop an easier, faster way to determine form-filing responsibilities, he said, adding that it should save time for ELEC employees, candidates and treasurers.

The interactive slideshow, which takes only a few minutes to complete, is available at: http://www.elec.state.nj.us/interactive_seminar/GuideToForms.htm.



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“I thought if it was interactive, more people would be inclined to use it,” said Wojcik, who developed the electronic guide with assistance from Assistant Compliance Officers Danielle Hacker and Joseph Barish.

Wojcik said the form-finding tool compliments another interactive, web-based training session on basic campaign finance reporting requirements that was launched in April.

Jeff Brindle, ELEC’s Executive Director, praised the initiative of ELEC’s staff, and said their efforts represent another step toward making compliance as painless as possible.

“Nobody likes to fill out government paperwork. We are trying to do all we can to make compliance as easy as possible. Over time, these efforts should lead to less aggravation for candidates and treasurers, and even better compliance,” said Brindle.

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