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DAS Contract Information

The following contracts were issued over the last 15 days.

Contract Number:	Contract Name:	For:	Contract Term:
<u>06PSX0123</u>	Application of selective and non-selective herbicides on divided highways AND for rights of way and specific locations for the Department of Transportation	Department of Transportation	May 17, 2006 to January 31, 2008
<u>06PSX0136</u>	Two-Window Envelopes	Department of Social Services	May 15, 2006 to April 15, 2008
<u>06PSX0100</u>	Purchase 1200 gallon Skid Mounted Anti-Icing Product Tanks	Department of Transportation	May 10, 2006 to September 30, 2007
<u>06PSX0104</u>	Repair of (out-of-warranty) Computer Docking Stations	Department of Public Safety/Division of State Police	May 10, 2006 to May 31, 2008
<u>06PSX0063</u>	OEM Repair Parts and Labor for Viking Snow Plows & Material Spreaders	Department of Transportation	Date of Award through April 30, 2009
<u>06PSX0089</u>	Carpentry Equipment for Various CT Technical High Schools	Department of Education, All Using State Agencies and Political Subdivisions	From date of award through June 30, 2009
<u>06PSX0090</u>	Bituminous Concrete Materials	The Department of Transportation and All Using State Agencies and Political Subdivisions of the State of Connecticut	Date of Award through February 28, 2007
<u>06PSX0086</u>	Preventative Maintenance/Maintenance/Inspection and Repair of Misc. Biomedical Equipment	DMR - West Region	Date of Award through April 30, 2011
<u>06PSX0099</u>	Lawn Maintenance Services for DHMAS in Hartford and New Haven	DMHAS Capitol Region Mental Health Center,	May 5, 2006 to December 31, 2008

Contracts Expiring

Did you know that our state contracts are reviewed one to three months prior to the actual expiration date?

Click on the list of "Contracts Issued/Expiring In Last/Next 30/60/90/120 Days." Choose the radio button marked "Expiring Contracts" and select the time frame. Then click "Get Contracts," That's all there is to it! [Contract Search](#)

Bid Notice Postings

To view the entire DAS bid notice listing, click on the following hyperlink to go to our web page [DAS Bid Notices](#).

Certification Central

We have made it even easier for you to see which Connecticut vendors have recently become certified! Use the link we have provided to access the listing of **New Set-Aside Vendors certified in the last 15 days**. The link below lists the company name, contact information, product description and certification type for all Connecticut small businesses that were certified during the **previous** week.

http://www.das.state.ct.us/Purchase/ePartners/ep_whats_new.asp#Vendors

Questions regarding the Supplier Diversity Program can be directed to Meg Yetishefsky, Supplier Diversity Manager, at Meg.Yetishefsky@ct.gov or 860-713-5228.

Catalog Shopping?

Use this link to access the listing of the vendors, contract numbers and contract names that have been loaded into the **Core-CT** catalog.

What is the Master Insurance Program?

The DAS Master Insurance Program (MIP) is composed of 97 Housing Authorities located all over the State of Connecticut ranging in size from 20 to 500 residential units. The Housing Authorities in our program are all “State” units, meaning they do not receive direct federal funding. Most of the units are designated for the elderly population and families living on a fixed income, so every bit of money we save them in insurance costs goes a long way.

The MIP bundles all of the housing authorities together and collects and maintains the data necessary to procure their major insurance coverage for them. The MIP also provides customer service directly to each Housing Authority on a regular basis. Customers generally need help with policy interpretation (i.e. what’s covered?), claim filing and expectations, as well as general “Insurance 101” to familiarize them with their policies and educate them on why they need what they have.

Recently, the MIP sent out its third annual customer satisfaction survey. The questions on all three surveys were similar so we could create a benchmark to track progress. The first time the survey was issued (in 2003), we were planning on making some dramatic changes in the way we approach and manage the program. We got some good results as well as some honest constructive criticism, mostly regarding communication of information. Building on the results from that survey, we added a newsletter and web-based tools to keep the customers better informed. The second survey produced better results and the third and most recent was the best by far. This is due to the fact that this past

year, in addition to better customer service ratings, we were able to lower the cost of the automobile insurance from \$1,033 per vehicle to \$553 per vehicle and the lower the Public Officials Liability coverage by 30 percent annually.

But the buck doesn’t stop there. The MIP is involved in the Connecticut Chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO). The membership of this organization is composed of Executive Directors of Housing Authorities, Non-Profit Housing professionals, the Connecticut Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA), the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD), the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and many other organizations and individuals dedicated to making affordable housing in Connecticut available to everyone. The group provides a network among peers, tracks policy and legislation that affects their industry, and actively offers forums and trainings for its members. Membership in this organization helps the MIP keep a pulse on what is happening in the Connecticut housing industry and support them in their endeavors.

We hope this “in a nutshell” summary provided you with an overview of how the Master Insurance Program functions. Please feel free to ask us questions about housing, insurance, or any of our resources. For more information email Aimee.Gagnon@ct.gov

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