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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>07PSX0069</u>	35-Ton Minimum Fixed Gooseneck Trailers	Department of Transportation, All Using State Agencies, and Political Subdivisions	Date of Award through October 31, 2011
<u>07PSX0077</u>	Printing: 2007 State Register & Manual (Hard and Soft Cover)	Secretary of State	Delivery Required August 27, 2007
<u>07PSX0088</u>	Fuel Dispenser Parts	Department of Transportation, All Using State Agencies, and Political Subdivisions	Date of Award through March 31, 2010
<u>07PSX0072</u>	Lawn Mowing and Lawn Maintenance Services at DCF-Riverview Hospital	Department of Children and Families – Riverview Hospital	April 1, 2007 through November 30, 2010.
<u>07PSX0025</u>	Rental of Tree Removal, Tree Trimming and Disposal Equipment	Department of Transportation, All Using State Agencies, and Political Subdivisions	April 15, 2007 through February 28, 2009
<u>07PSX0076</u>	Ammunition for the Department of Correction	Department of Correction	Date of Award through December 31, 2007

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 7 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.

Change is a Good Thing - Important information for customers of DAS' Set a Side Program

As of April 11, some important changes have taken place in DAS' Set a Side Program.

First and foremost, certification expiration dates will no longer be wedded to fiscal year end dates. "What we're doing is establishing the two year certification from the date of *our review*, not the date of the companies fiscal year end. This establishes a full two year certification period," said Supplier Diversity Manager Meg Yetishefsky.

This administrative change will also stagger the certification renewal season for the program. However, companies should not worry about missing their renewal date; DAS will email certified companies 60 days prior to the expiration date to give plenty of notice.

Another change is that previously, there was a 90-day grace period for renewal after a company's certificate expired. For those certification issued as of April 11, 2007 this is no longer in effect. The 90-day grace period was to allow companies time to gather their fiscal year end figures. This time is no longer needed as the certification expiration date is no longer wedded to the fiscal year end date. Currently, all certification information has been updated and is correctly reflected on the Supplier Diversity website.

"We think these changes benefit both the program and our customers," said Yetishefsky, "From an administrative side it eases the inundation of paperwork we receive at year's end, and from the customer's side it makes them more vigilant about their certification and renewal obligations."

It's Spring and the Catalogs Are Blooming

Has your mailbox at home recently been over loaded with catalogs? Well, it's that time of year again, when vendors update their catalogs and mail them out to their customers. This practice also extends to the vendors that we do business with. But, there's one significant difference with the catalogs that we receive here at work; those catalogs and pricing aren't an accurate reflection of our contracts with those vendors.

So, what's a person to do? Well the solution is simple; always refer to the state contract for current pricing and use CoreCT for item selection. This will ensure that your request is processed and priced correctly.

If you have questions concerning a contract, please contact the Contract Specialist for assistance. Use the link below to find the contract in question.

[http://www.das.state.ct.us/
busopp.asp#Contracts](http://www.das.state.ct.us/busopp.asp#Contracts)

Interesting Info

Industry fights measure to bar contractors for immigration violations - Companies that hire illegal aliens could be banned from receiving federal contracts for ten years under an amendment to the Senate-passed supplemental defense spending measure. Contractor groups are fighting to keep the language out of the final bill. (GovExec.com)

No-bid contracts drawing questions in Alabama - Some members of a legislative oversight committee contend that Gov. Bob Riley's administration broke the law on three no-bid contracts by failing to submit them to the panel months ago. Rep. Alvin Holmes, a committee member, said the Riley administration failed to follow the state law set up when the contract review committee was formed. That law requires all no-bid contracts to come before that body for approval or rejection before they take effect. ([Press Register](http://PressRegister))