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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>07PSX0214</u>	Road Salt for Snow and Ice Control	Department of Transportation, All Using State Agencies, and Political Subdivisions	Date of Award through June 30, 2008
<u>07PSX0191</u>	Automotive Lift Equipment and Accessories	Department of Administrative Services and All Using State Agencies & Political Subdivisions	Date of Award through August 31, 2011
<u>07PSX0123</u>	Retrieval and payment for traffic and pedestrian signal light heads	Department of Transportation	September 18, 2007 through September 30, 2009
<u>07PSX0188</u>	Carpentry Equipment for CT Technical High School System to include CNC Router, Edge Sander and Stone Splitter	State Department of Education, All Using State Agencies, and Political Subdivisions	Date of Award through August 31, 2010

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 vendors, contract numbers and contract names that have been loaded into the [Core-CT](#) catalog.

Governor Rell: Pilot Program to Help Minority Contractors Seeking Share of Hartford Projects

Governor M. Jodi Rell announced that the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD), in partnership with the Hartford Economic Development Corporation (HEDCo), has established a \$1 million Minority Bonding Guaranty Program that will expand opportunities for minority contractors in Hartford.

“With major projects on the horizon for our capital city, it is important that we have programs like this in place to ensure minority contractors have opportunities to bid on – and win – a share of contracts for that work,” said Governor Rell. “These contractors can now play a more active role in Hartford’s economic resurgence thanks to the financial backing of the state.”

The pilot program was created in response to the inability of a large number of minority contractors to acquire bonding through the traditional underwriting process. State funding for the program, already approved by the State Bond Commission, will be used to reimburse surety companies in the event of default by the contractor. Only minority businesses located in Connecticut and working on contracts within the city of Hartford are eligible to participate in the guaranty program.

“There are many ways DECD supports business growth in the state. By providing these guaranties we are expanding opportunities for Connecticut businesses,” said DECD Commissioner Joan McDonald. “This pilot program could serve as the model for similar programs across the state in the years to come.”

HEDCo’s Business Resource Center (BRC) will administer the two-year pilot program and be required to submit a final report to DECD about the impact of the program before February 1, 2009.

“We are pleased to administer this pilot program through our Business Resource Center. This is an additional resource that can be utilized to enhance the growth of minority contractors,” said Sam Hamilton, Executive Director of HEDCo.

Businesses interested in learning more about this program can call Kim Hawkins at the BRC at (860) 527-1100.

HEDCo is a non-profit that provides technical assistance, loan packaging, regulatory assistance, locational assistance and problem-solving services at no cost to businesses in Hartford.

New FOIA Exemption for Bids & Proposals

P.A. 07-213 (SB 1182) – An Act Concerning Administrative Procedures of the Department of Public Works . . . and Certain Exemptions to the Freedom of Information Act. This Act temporarily exempts vendor proposals and bids from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Specifically, the legislation exempts documents submitted to an agency in response to an RFP or bid solicitation, until the contract is executed or negotiations for the award of such contract have ended, whichever occurs earlier. To use the exemption, the legislation requires the head of the agency to certify that the public interest in disclosing the record is outweighed by the public interest in the confidentiality of the record. This legislation is important to DAS because without it, our ability to successfully negotiate a contract with a potential vendor may be seriously undermined if we are required to turn over competing proposals to the vendor during contract negotiations. *Section 22, effective October 1, 2007.*

This Act also clarifies that the certification forms that contractors must submit during the contracting process – swearing that there was no improper gift giving, collusion, or other inappropriate influence in the award of the contract – applies to contracts that have a total value of more than \$500,000 in a calendar or fiscal year; the requirement previously applied to contracts with a total “cost to the state agency” over \$500,000. *Section 2, effective upon passage.* <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2007/ACT/Pa/pdf/2007PA-00213-R00SB-01182-PA.pdf>