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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>08PSX0090</u>	For the Purchase of New OEM Racor Replacement Parts and Labor	Department of Transportation, All Using State Agencies, and Political Subdivisions	Date of Award through July 31, 2010
<u>08PSX0074</u>	Ambulance - Type III, Class I	Department of Developmental Services	Date of award through April 30, 2009
<u>08PSX0073</u>	The purchase of a 60' telescopic boom lift	Military Department and All Using State Agencies	Date of Award through June 30,2009
<u>08PSX0068</u>	Media, Marketing, Advertising and Public Relations Services	All Using State Agencies and Political Subdivisions	May 2, 2008 through April 30, 2013
<u>08PSX0086</u>	Rental of Portable Toilets for the Dept. of Agriculture	Department of Agriculture	May 1, 2008 through December 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.

Rearranging the Furniture Contract

Contract [03PSX0165](#) for office furniture, lounge furniture, dormitory furniture, hospital furniture and library furniture will expire on May 31, 2008. Due to the complexity of the contract, DAS is trying to get the most utilized portions awarded as quickly as possible without a major lapse in the contract.

However, the library furniture portion of the contract will lapse on May 31, 2008, and DAS anticipates having the new replacement contract in place by September / October 2008. In the interim, agencies that have a need for items on the library contract should make sure orders are placed prior to the contract expiration date. If orders are not placed prior to May 31, 2008, please utilize GL-71 authority until a new contract is awarded.

DAS will have contract [07PSX0275](#), the office furniture piece of this contract, awarded by June 1, 2008 with no lapse in contract. This portion includes the following products: conference tables, folding tables, cafeteria / training tables, table caddys, ergonomic seating, guest / conference seating, stackable chairs, folding chairs, chair caddys, metal desks, wood suites / executive wood furniture, vertical files, lateral files, bookcases, storage cabinets, podiums and lecterns.

DAS is currently working on evaluating RFP #07PSX0285 which includes lounge furniture, dormitory furniture, household furniture and hospital furniture. Our goal is to have the new contract in place by July 1, 2008.

If you have any questions, please contact Susanne Hawkins at (860) 713-5064 or email Susanne.Hawkins@ct.gov.

This article is being rerun from the last issue of BuyLines to highlight the expiration date of contract 03PSX0165.

Hatching a Good Company in Connecticut

NIC Systems of Plantsville, CT was recently awarded a contract to update and maintain the Quinebaug Hatchery in Plainfield, CT. They will be installing a new operations system which will provide automated feeding, water quality and environmental controls for trout at the hatchery. NIC Systems Corporation specializes in the design and fabrication of integrated controls for a wide range of industrial and commercial applications.

As specified in contract [08PSX0072](#), every operation that is necessary for trout hatching and development will be controlled by computers with specialized software. The software also controls water temperature levels, oxygen levels, environmental lighting, feeding times and amounts, and water flow for holding tank intake and discharge.

“Contracting with the state is so much more than just construction,” said Supplier Diversity manager Meg Yetishefsky. “The state is interested in just about any service one can think of. Who would have thought hatcheries in Plainfield? Now here we have an in-state company with a good amount of work, keeping jobs and talent within Connecticut.”

Governor Rell Announces Further Restrictions on State Spending

Restrictions Extended to State's Purchasing Card Program

Governor M. Jodi Rell announced that she has directed the Department of Administrative Services to restrict state spending under the Purchasing Card (P-Card) program — a payment system that uses purchasing cards similar to credit cards. As part of her efforts to reduce state spending, Governor Rell directed that P-Cards be used for only purchases “of a critical nature.”

DAS will review all P-Card spending to ensure that it is consistent with the Governor's order that spending is confined to essential purchases.

Earlier this month, Governor Rell directed the Department of Administrative Services to coordinate with all state agencies, per her instructions, to begin cutting back on the use of state-owned vehicles. The Governor told agencies to reduce total agency mileage and accompanying gasoline consumption by 10 percent by June 30, 2008, and by 25 percent by June 30, 2009.

“Now more than any time in recent years, government is challenged to provide services in the most cost efficient manner,” Governor Rell said. “Our taxpayers are struggling with soaring fuel, food and energy costs. We must do everything possible to ensure that government does not add to their burden.”