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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>08PSX0109</u>	Window Washing Services for the Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services	Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services	July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011
<u>08PSX0181</u>	Food Service and Catering	Northwestern Connecticut Community College	September 2, 2008 through May 31, 2011
<u>08PSX0142</u>	Custodial Services	Department of Motor Vehicles	September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2011
<u>08PSX0171</u>	Boiler/Furnace Service and Maintenance	Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services	Date of Award through August 31, 2011
<u>08PSX0188</u>	Filing System Supplies	Department of Social Services, All Using State Agencies, and Political Subdivisions	September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2010
<u>08PSX0186</u>	Printing: 2008 CT-1040, CT-1040EZ/Telefile and CT-1040NR/PY CT Resident Income Tax Return & Instruction Booklets	Department of Revenue Services	Date of Award through April 30, 2009
<u>08PSX0180</u>	Delivery and Installation of two Liebert Challenger 3000 Glycol Units (Model #BE061G-CAE1) with 5-ton Downflow System, for Computer Room	Military Department	September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009
<u>08PSX0175</u>	Weather Forecasting Services	Department of Transportation	September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2010.
<u>08PSX0162</u>	Janitorial and Cleaning Services	Department of Developmental Services	September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2011

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

Search for Small/Minority Companies

This feature allows you to create a list of vendors using specific criteria. Each category you select will further define your list. Typing in Keywords will give you a list of all currently certified vendors that contain those words in their product description or goods/ services for which the vendor is certified.

<http://www.biznet.ct.gov/DASOpenAccess/SupplierDiversity/SDSearch.aspx>

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.

DAS Attends Connecticut National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials Convention

DAS' Aimee Gagnon, who oversees the state's Master Insurance Program, attended the 10th annual Connecticut National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (ConnNAHRO) convention in late August.

"DAS is involved with this association because most of our members are Housing Authorities and customers of the Master Insurance Program. It gives us a forum to meet with them all face-to-face and participate in classes to learn about issues that affect them, ultimately keeping us informed of our customers wants and needs," said Gagnon.

DAS' Master Insurance Program, offers all Housing Authorities across Connecticut the opportunity to obtain required insurance coverage's through a sole source. Because Housing Authorities have similar assets and risks, when grouped together, they have the strength of a much larger entity.

Keynote speakers included Saul Ramirez, Jr. - the Executive Director of National NAHRO, Taylor Caswell - the New England Regional Director for HUD (U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development), Joan McDonald - the Commissioner of DECD, and Representative Ken Greene of Hartford who was presented with the Legislator of the Year award.

Gagnon's duties extend well beyond program manager for the Master Insurance Program; she represents DAS on the ConnNAHRO Board of Directors as Secretary and also served on the Convention Committee. "Really an amazing learning and professional experience for me this year," said Gagnon, "As secretary and a committee member I learned what it takes to orchestrate and organize an event of this size and importance."

A scholarship committee awards three scholarships every year to children living in public housing. The application process is rigorous and each applicant must write an



Anthony Vasiliou (l) of the Milford Housing Authority and chair of the ConnNAHRO legislative committee presents the "Legislator of the Year" award to Rep. Ken Green.

essay. A selection committee evaluates each applicant and three lucky winners are notified. This year, each scholarship was for \$3,500.

Scholarship funds are raised by various fundraisers and donations throughout the year, such as an annual golf/mini golf tournament.

CHFA donated \$5,000 this year and TD Banknorth donated \$200 savings bonds for each recipient in addition to the scholarships. The scholarships are given to the young people at a presentation at the convention following the luncheon. The chair of the committee reads an excerpt about each student and then presents them with the scholarship and gives the recipient an opportunity to thank the committee.

Cleaning Up Green

On October 1, 2007, a new Public Act required all Connecticut state agencies to buy and use cleaners that are environmentally friendly (revised in 2008 [click here to read the Public Act](#)). Both DAS and DEP were tasked to work together, choose a standard, and develop a policy to implement this law. The purpose of the policy was to provide guidance to state agencies.

Since then DAS and DEP has continued to search the marketplace to ensure that Connecticut's standard meets only the most rigorous (chemical) tests available.

During that period, the federal government and private concerns have introduced several new testing scenarios and certifications. However, only one, "EcoLogo" which is Canadian based, has subscribed to the testing protocols of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) which was the initial basis for our selection of "Green Seal" as our current standard.

Therefore, our policy has been revised to include products that carry the "EcoLogo" approval. The addition of "EcoLogo" provides agencies with a larger selection of cleaning and floor care products while maintaining Connecticut's highest level of environmentally friendly concern.

