

# BuyLines

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■ TONER SCAM IS BACK



■ EAP CONTRACT



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# DAS Contract Information

The following contracts were issued over the last 15 days.

Contract Number:	Contract Name:	For:	Contract Term:
<a href="#">08PSX0227</a>	LED Lamps ( red and green) for DOT	Department of Transportation, All Using State Agencies, and Political Subdivisions	Date of Award through May 31, 2009
<a href="#">08PSX0224</a>	Landscape Maintenance and Management of Athletic Fields and Practice Area at Manchester Community College	Department of Higher Education Manchester Community College	October 5, 2008 through September 30, 2011
<a href="#">08PSX0123</a>	Rubbish Removal Service for Housatonic Community College	Department of Higher Education	October 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011
<a href="#">08PSX0173</a>	Veterinarian Services for 1st and 2nd Company of Governor's Horse Guard	Military Department	October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2011
<a href="#">08PSX0201</a>	Rubbish Removal Services for DPS USAR, Brainard Airport	Department of Public Safety	October 1, 2008 through August 31, 2010
<a href="#">08PSX0211</a>	Rubbish removal services for Griswold Research Farm	Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station	October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2011
<a href="#">08PSX0197</a>	Microfilm processing, silver duplicating and diazo duplicating to be provided to the Secretary of the State.	Secretary of the State.	October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2010
<a href="#">08PSX0137</a>	Polyethylene, Canvas and Plastic Covers	Department of Transportation, All Using State Agencies, and Political Subdivisions	October 1, 2008 through September 30, 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](mailto: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.

# Connecticut Grown: Green in More Ways than One

Want to help a local small business as well as your own community? Buy your produce locally. Your local small businesses benefit when dollars stay in the community instead of being sent elsewhere.

This philosophy is being practiced by Sysco Foods, a food supply company on contract with the state to supply food to a number of state agencies.

“It makes a lot of sense,” said Sysco’s Jay Kelleher. “If you grow something locally, ship it locally, and sell it locally, you’re promoting regional markets and saving money on the business side. Not to mention that supporting as many Connecticut businesses as possible is the best thing to do.”

“It’s taking the concept of the state’s great program of promoting Farmers Markets, and applying it to a wholesale distributor,” said DAS Procurement’s Jim Gotta. “Sysco has really taken the reins of promoting their regionally grown products – it works.”

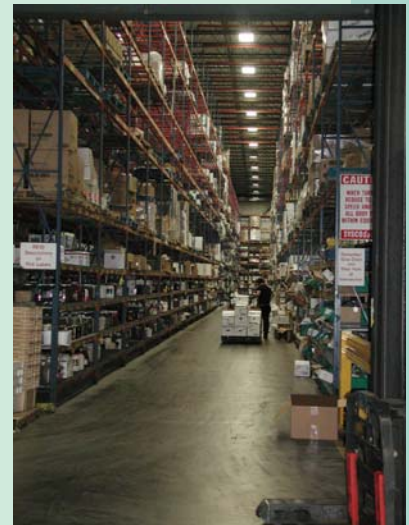
DAS Procurement is reporting that Sysco – which provides food and produce to local agencies including the Department of Correction, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and well as Children and Families - has delivered 32,575 cases of locally grown produce, for a total of \$626,098. This not only helps local farmers, but also reduces the greenhouse gases emitted from transporting the produce from other parts of the country.

“There’s an extra \$8 per 50 lbs. when we import produce from California,” said Sysco executive Doug Ward. “Just imagine the savings with our regionally grown program.”

“It’s a good contract,” said DAS’ Don Casella. “Sysco has an amazing customer service relationship with our state agencies. If there’s a problem, they’ll fix it, and they have a vested interest in regional markets and promoting the produce to our state agencies. Everything comes full circle.”



*DAS Procurement’s Don Casella and Jim Gotta show off some Connecticut grown peppers. The Sysco warehouse in Rocky Hill, CT along with locally grown produce.*



## ***Toner Cartridges - Don't Get Scammed***

***This article is being published again due to the fact there have been reports of these scams continuing in state government***

A popular phone scam that has reemerged is that of a sales representative trying to sell toner cartridges. Copiers leased, or placed, through DAS' statewide contracts INCLUDE toner cartridge replacement. DAS Procurement strongly suggests reviewing contract 04PSX0044 (especially page 13 section 2.7, and page 41, footnote #1).

Another angle may be mentioning contract 07PSX0044 for the purchase of toner products. The caller will identify himself as a representative from A & A Office Systems – or another legitimate state vendor – but misrepresenting the company. He or she will try to sell you toner cartridges at “substantial savings” and highlight that this offer is only available via your agency P-Card.

Some words of wisdom from people who have experienced these calls say the caller never gives a last name or phone number and, if questioned enough, will likely get frustrated and hang up. Professional courtesy dictates that it is acceptable to hang up on an aggressive sales person, especially if you are suspicious of their motive or the representative makes you feel uncomfortable in any way.

Once the call is over, DAS Procurement suggests alerting other purchasing staff members about your contact with this person as well as how you handled the situation.

REMEMBER, if you leased your copier off of a state contract, toner cartridges and replacement cartridges are already covered in the contract. Also, even if you open the box of toner cartridge erroneously sent, you are not responsible for payment.

Procurement Director Carol Wilson said, “There are plenty of these scams out there via phone and email. DAS Procurement is taking proactive measures to inform all of our business partners of this particular situation. As with your own personal credit cards, please be cautious about giving out your P-Card number and be sure to verify the legitimacy of all orders placed with suppliers.”

## ***EAP Contract Renewed***

The new Employee Assistance Program (EAP) contract was posted on October 1, 2008. The contract number is 08PSX0182. Please click on the link below for a direct link to the Contract Award:

[http://www.das.state.ct.us/Contracts/008\\_0182.pdf](http://www.das.state.ct.us/Contracts/008_0182.pdf)

The contract is set up with multiple vendors to choose from. However, agencies will not be required to utilize this program and some agencies may still choose to use their own vendor or the UConn Health Center. For further information regarding the use of the contract please contact Pam Anderson at [pamela.anderson@ct.gov](mailto:pamela.anderson@ct.gov) or (860) 713-5088.

## ***State, Local Leaders Call on Next Administration to Prioritize Federal-State-Local Partnership***

The elected leadership of the National Governors Association (NGA), the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), the Council of State Governments (CSG, with CT Governor M. Jodi Rell as President), the National Association of Counties (NACo), the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM), the National League of Cities (NLC) and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) – known as the “Big 7” – joined together in Philadelphia on September 29 to highlight the important roles state and local government leaders play in solving national issues and call on the next president to actively engage these leaders when determining national policy. This follows a letter sent to Senators Obama and McCain from the Big 7 on September 25th. (NCSL)