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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>08PSX0253</u>	Boiler Annual Inspection and Service	Department of Public Works	November 14, 2008 through December 31 2009
<u>08PSX0129</u>	Reflective and Non-Reflective Sheeting for the Department of Transportation	Department of Transportation	Date of Award through September 30, 2010
<u>07PSX0351</u>	Library Furniture	Connecticut State Library, All Using State Agencies, Political Sub-divisions and Not-For-Profit Organizations	December 1, 2008 through December 31, 2013
<u>08PSX0159</u>	Traffic Signals, Equipment and Parts	Department of Transportation	Date of Award through June 30, 2010
<u>08PSX0251</u>	Purchase of Keyboard Trays and Accessories	All Using State Agencies and Political Subdivisions	Date of Award through October 31, 2010
<u>08PSX0260</u>	Boiler, Furnace and Heater All Inclusive Service, Maintenance and Annual Inspection	Department of Children and Families	Date of Award through June 30, 2012

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.

Speaking Engagement

Earlier this month DAS Procurement Director Carol Wilson and DAS Contract Specialist Joe Giliberto were asked to speak at the Capitol Region Purchasing Council's annual meeting.

The Capitol Region Purchasing Council (CRPC) is a voluntary purchasing cooperative serving 72 municipalities, boards of education, and government agencies within the Capitol Region and beyond. Operating under the auspices of the Capitol Region Council of Governments, the CRPC functions as both a supplemental procurement office for its member municipalities, and as a central clearinghouse for the collection and distribution of purchasing-related information and expertise.

Wilson gave an overview of the many different ways DAS Procurement can complement the CRPC and discussed many contracts that town and municipalities can piggy back off of while saving time and money.

Carol highlighted a bread contract, the school bus retrofit contract that municipalities can use as well as the importance of both DAS' Supplier Diversity Program and the Prequalification Program.

Several questions were answered by Wilson and she acknowledged, "They had some good questions and enjoyed hearing how the state is working with towns and municipalities to work together and find cost saving contracts that benefit everyone."

Afterwards Joe Giliberto gave an overview and history of the State Contracting Portal, highlighting how the portal has changed over the years and how it continues to evolve and improve. "Everyone was aware of the Portal, which was a good thing," said Giliberto. "It shows that towns are using it appropriately." Joe went on to explain how a new, revamped version of the Portal is coming out soon and listed all the ways the Portal will be easier and more user friendly for customers.

Giliberto also received a nod of approval when he mentioned that DAS is working with DOT to add new services for towns while trying to negotiate lower prices for them to piggy back off of. "That's what they like to hear," added Giliberto.

DHL Halting US Service

Earlier this month, DHL Express gave notice that it will be discontinuing its US domestic services which will end for the State of Connecticut effective December 10, 2008. DAS recommends that state agencies make alternate arrangements for shipments through one of the other two contracted ground express, air express and international express service providers as soon as possible.

DHL Contract [03PSX0429](#) will expire on January 31, 2009 and State of Connecticut domestic services **will end on December 10, 2008.**

[Federal Express Corp. / FedEx Express and FedEx Ground Contract 03PSX0430](#)

Customer Service Contact: FedEx Government Hotline
Phone Number: 1-800-645-9424

Contract Expiration Date: January 31, 2010

Reference the State of Connecticut

[United Parcel Services \(UPS\) Contract 03PSX0431](#)

Customer Service Contact: Barbara Balch
Phone Number: (860) 275-1878

Contract Expiration Date: January 31, 2010

Reference the State of Connecticut

DAS Contract Specialist, Susanne Hawkins says, "First, agencies need to contact the contractors customer service agent and get established as a State of Connecticut account in order to receive the state contracted pricing. Also, it is the agencies option if they want to establish an account with one or both of the DAS contracted express service providers."

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

New Furniture Contract Info

The new Library Furniture Contract is now posted on the DAS website and will go into effect on December 1, 2008. [Linked here](#) are the contract instructions notifying agencies and towns that this contract is available to obtain pricing information.

The old Library Furniture Contract [03PSX0165](#) expired on June 1, 2008 and this contract, [07PSX0351](#), replaces it.

Use this [cheat sheet](#) to see all the current DAS furniture contracts listed for commodity codes 0037 and 0072. These contracts are to be used by all using state agencies and municipalities. Please note the separate categories attached to each contract and buy the specifically listed commodity from its contract. Example, don't purchase dorm furniture off the office furniture contract. Contact Susanne Hawkins at 860-713-5064 for more information.