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DAS Contract Information

The following contracts were issued over the last 30 days.

Contract Number:	Contract Name:	For:	Contract Term:
<u>08PSX0202</u>	Air Quality, Asbestos and Lead Abatement Consulting Services	CT Department of Public Works. All Using state Agencies and Political Sub-Divisions of the State.	January 14, 2009 through December 31, 2011

See letter from Procurement Director
on next page.

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.

<https://www.biznet.ct.gov/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.

Letter from DAS Procurement Director Carol Wilson

If you haven't noticed, things are changing rapidly in state government procurement. With Connecticut facing the challenging issue of balancing the state budget, Governor Rell has issued several orders regarding state contracting.

The goal is to do more with less, sharply reduce and curtail spending, and eliminate all spending that is nonessential.

The meat of *BuyLines* - the DAS Contract information section – has been, and will continue to be, significantly reduced due to the Governor's money-saving initiatives.

The Department of Administrative Services Procurement Division has completed a contract review and found significant opportunities for savings by terminating certain nonessential contracts, re-bidding or re-negotiating some contracts, and issuing "Do Not Order" directives on other contracts (see sidebar).

Agencies will not be allowed to utilize alternative purchasing authorities or payment methods (i.e., GL-71, P-card, or bid waiver requests) to purchase items deemed nonessential. DAS will be monitoring purchasing activity to ensure these spend reduction mandates are being followed.

Obviously in an emergency situation, certain exceptions will be made.

For private contracts with the state, I've directed my staff to find savings in re-negotiating contract pricing and services to save Connecticut even more.

All other contracts that are not being terminated or do not have a "do not order" directive will be reviewed, and efforts will be made to further reduce costs through re-bidding, re-negotiating or consolidation.

Times have changed, and our priorities have changed. To paraphrase Governor Rell, "We will need to require a new crafting and a new understanding of what is essential in state government...state government cannot be all things to all people and cannot afford to do everything we might like. It will require an understanding that state government must be limited, especially in times such as these, by what the people who pay its bills can afford."

I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Carol Wilson

Carol Wilson
Department of Administrative Services
Procurement Director

DAS Commissioner Announces Results of Contract Review

Agency Purchasing Officials: Please review the PDF links below regarding spend reduction efforts and directives surrounding the use of certain state contracts. Specific contract questions may be directed to the DAS Contract Specialist.

[Contracts Review Memo](#)

[Contracts To Be Cancelled](#)

[Do Not Order Contracts](#)

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