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Congratulations to DAS Procurement’s Paul Greco! The New England Office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has selected the Connecticut Disaster Debris Plan Team to receive an Environmental Merit Award in recognition of its exceptional work and commitment to the environment in 2009. Greco is a member of the team.

EPA’s Environmental Merit Award is an annual award that recognizes outstanding environmental advocates who have made significant contributions toward preserving and protecting our natural resources.

The Team was nominated by Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Commissioner Amey Marrella.

The contract puts into motion a number of recovery services should a catastrophic incident happen in Connecticut; the most likely of scenarios being a category three (or more) hurricane. Connecticut and this part of the country are one of the most densely populated sections of the United States. Add all its buildings, trees and vegetation and the amount of debris littering the landscape would be devastating.

“With this contract in place the state will have rapid response contractors and vendors available, prepared to have 5,000 pieces of equipment ready to roll into the state to begin clearing the streets and sorting the debris,” said Greco.

The green part of the contract has the vendors separating the debris by the various materials. Instead of everything being gather and shipped out, materials would be sorted and separated by metal, vegetation, glass, plastic etc.

“Should a disaster hit, how would the state be able to help its citizens or receive assistance if the roads were clogged with debris?” asked Greco.

Of course it wasn’t just Paul working on this contract. He mentioned a number of people who were instrumental in getting this contract together.

“We started in mid-2007 and awarded the contract in August 2008. There was input and involvement from the federal government, homeland security, DEP, along with my other teammates Tessa Gutowski, Frank Gagliardo, Judy Pahl, and Paul Gibb.”

DAS Commissioner Sisco said, “Congratulations Paul! This is certainly well-deserved - I know how hard and diligently you worked with DEP on the RFP and subsequent contract. This was a very time consuming and detail oriented process - you were extremely helpful and worked well with DEP in putting this together. Great job!”



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09PSX0380 - Biodegradable Asphalt Solvent

10PSX0028 - Influenza Virus Vaccine (2010-2011) and Misc. Vaccines

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Ready for Take Off

DAS will be piloting its new fuel p-card program on April 28.

Six agencies have agreed to test the state fuel credit card in an effort to improve accountability, tracking and budgeting for individual agencies as well as the state as a whole. Those agencies are the Department of Administrative Services, co-partner Office of the State Comptroller, Department of Revenue Services, Office of the Secretary of State, Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Consumer Protection.

The Voyager fuel card, backed by US Bank, is accepted at almost all fuel stations and is intended for fuel purchased only when a state fuel station is unavailable.

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Lean Government Contract Now Available

Governor Rell supports and encourages a LEAN Government and DAS Procurement contract **#10PSX0019** for Lean Government Services can assist in that effort.

Seven vendors are on this contract. Each vendor will offer an initial consultation at no charge and the initial consultation should be used to define the scope and goals of the intended LEAN initiative with the vendor(s). Streamlining isn't just for state government. When feasible, towns and cities are encouraged to use the contract as well.

Once the framework has been identified, the vendor(s) will provide their specific strategic plan based on the curriculum and accommodations outlined and provide specific costs based on the pricing structure.

DAS recommends pursuing a minimum of two strategic plans and pricing from the vendors on contract. Those vendors that are DAS certified Small and/or Minority businesses, or that subcontract with a DAS certified Small and/or Minority business have been so noted.

Online App Coming Soon

Moving a paper application to an online system has so many benefits. DAS' P-card program is moving its application process from paper to online. The back-and-forth of paperwork, corrections being sent back to the agency and changes to Individual cardholder accounts can really take its toll administratively.

DAS' MIS office is close to finalizing (phase 1) of this online system that will initially be tested in DAS. The application will handle data flow from a state employee requesting a card through agency and DAS approval steps. The system tracks all data input, changes to the data over time, sends emails status updates and retains all of this in a history log. This is a monumental step in streamlining this once cumbersome process.