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Governor Rell Commends DAS on Road Salt Savings

In a press release issued on October 16, Governor M. Jodi Rell cited DAS' ability to secure contracts that result in substantial savings for both the state as well as municipalities:

"As towns and cities prepare to plow through another Connecticut winter, they will be able to stretch their budgets further because the state has been able to secure cheaper contracts for road salt this season," said Governor M. Jodi Rell.

"The first snowflakes have yet to fall, but the snow budget is always a great concern for municipal leaders," she added.

"The good news is that we have been able to lock in lower prices for salt this year, ultimately saving the state and local taxpayers millions over last year's rates."

"Our contract, reached through the state Department of Administration Services, is expected to save the state \$2 million," the Governor said. "Cities and towns that 'piggyback' on the state contract will be able to save millions more."

Last year, the state paid approximately \$15.6 million for 218,370 tons of salt used by the state Department of Transportation and the 101 participating municipalities – an average of \$70.19 a ton. DAS officials say the state will pay an average of \$53.26 a ton for salt this year on the contract that runs through June 30, 2011.

The savings can be significant: East Granby, for example, could save close to \$193,000 over last year's costs, while even some smaller communities such as West Willington would save as much as \$150,000, according to DAS.

"Last year's budgets were strained by winter's annual assault," Governor Rell said. "I would certainly urge all Connecticut towns and cities to review the DAS contract to see whether it is a cost-effective alternative for them."

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Equipment Auction Brings in money for State

WETHERSFIELD -- On Saturday November 6, the Department of Administrative Services' (DAS) hosted a heavy duty equipment auction from which \$421,485 will be returned to various state coffers. Some 193 pieces of heavy duty equipment – both operable and inoperable – were offered to the general public. The equipment is designated for auction for a number of reasons including being fully depreciated or needing costly repairs or maintenance.

At 8:00 a.m. the gates opened for approximately 800 members of the general public to inspect the equipment including tractors, mowers, dumpsters and trailers. Bidding began at 10:00 a.m., and the last vehicle was auctioned off at 4:00 p.m.

“Whether this heavy machinery is fully depreciated or simply no longer runs, there comes a point when it isn't cost effective for the state to try to keep it. Holding an auction enables the general public to get heavy duty equipment at a reasonable price, and the state benefits by getting all of the residual value back that is left,” said DAS Commissioner Martin Anderson.

“At a time when state dollars are so tight, our staff really stepped up to the plate on behalf of Connecticut's taxpayers,” Anderson said. Persons wishing to receive email notices announcing upcoming state surplus auctions can register for this free service at the DAS website: www.das.state.ct.us.

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