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DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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## Toner Scam Is Alive and Well

Smooth talking phone calls and emails promising great savings with toner cartridges continue to confound state purchasing agents. "We can't say it enough," said DAS Procurement Director Carol Wilson. "You should only be purchasing toner cartridges off of state contract 07PSX0044 and not from anyone else." Below is an example of one of these emails.

From: ctjan@myvendornow2010.com  
Sent: Saturday, January 16, 2010 6:24 AM  
To: Name  
Subject: State of Connecticut New Year s Vendor Price-List

State of Connecticut  
New Year's Product Price-List

For the coming new year we hope for... happiness, success and prosperity for you... and many more opportunities for us to work together in the year ahead!

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and have some exciting new prospects for our best customers in the coming new year.

We would like to introduce our new discounted prices for our environmentally friendly products during the month of January.

Price list link:

[\(link truncated to reduce confusion\)](http://www.myvendornow2010.com/***(link truncated to reduce confusion))

(No shipping charges on all online orders containing over 5 toner cartridges)

If you prefer to receive an itemized price quote please follow this link:

[\(link truncated to reduce confusion\)](http://www.myvendornow2010.com/***(link truncated to reduce confusion))

Thank you for your continued support!

Hernan  
VP Sales

*More useful information...*



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## Contracts over the last 15 Days

Click on the category to see the contract  
Adobe Acrobat Required

**09PSX0339** Polyethylene Corrugated Tubing and Pipe

For more information visit: [www.das.state.ct.us](http://www.das.state.ct.us)

## Bye-Bye Bernie's

On January 21, 2010, Bernie's Audio Video TV Appliance Co., Inc. informed DAS of their bankruptcy status. Due to this action, DAS has processed Supplement #8 of Contract Award 06PSX0055 advising contract users that Bernie's has been removed from this Contract Award.

There are other vendors on this contract that may be able to provide your agency with the items that you need. If not, please contact [Ann.Simeone@ct.gov](mailto:Ann.Simeone@ct.gov).

In addition, be advised that this Contract Award is still on the "DO NOT ORDER" status due to the state's fiscal situation and approval by DAS is required prior to placing any orders.

Please feel free to contact [Ann.Simeone@ct.gov](mailto:Ann.Simeone@ct.gov) for any other questions.

## State Property Auction

The State is holding a Property Auction  
**THIS SATURDAY**, January 23, 2010.

Inspection is the day before the auction from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and also the morning of the auction starting at 8:00 a.m.

Please visit our website at [www.das.state.ct.us](http://www.das.state.ct.us) for additional Surplus information.

## New Home for Master Insurance Program

Through some reorganizing in DAS the Master Insurance Program, which offers all housing authorities across Connecticut the opportunity to obtain insurance coverage through a single source, has been moved to the DAS Workers' Compensation Unit.

DAS will continue to be an active member of the CT chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (ConnNahro), a group which brings housing authorities together to keep current on local and federal law and trends that affect them. This involvement allows DAS to satisfy and anticipate the insurance needs of the authorities in an ever-changing environment.

"I've been doing Master Insurance for seven years and will miss it," said former Program Manager Aimee Cunningham. "But it's in good hands within the Workers' Compensation Unit, and ironically, Master Insurance was originally housed there before coming to Procurement." Cunningham will now be a contract specialist within DAS Procurement and will give advice and recommendations to the program's new manager Doug Rinaldi.

## Become Certified as an SBE/MBE in Connecticut

This interactive workshop explains the benefits of becoming state-certified and walks you through the process. It is easy and can be done online. The Women's Business Development Center and Connecticut's Office of Supplier Diversity help you cut through the red tape and open new doors for your business.

Teleclass  
Wednesday, January 27  
12:00 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.  
**NO CHARGE**

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