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Gov. Rell Recognizes Climate Change Leaders in 5th Annual Awards Program

Governor M. Jodi Rell announced that seven individuals and organizations are being honored with the 2010 Connecticut Climate Change Leadership Award for their innovative efforts to address global climate change.

“We continue to focus on improving our energy efficiency and developing our renewable energy sources,” Governor Rell said. “It is a strategy that will help us to reduce greenhouse gases that cause climate change. The individuals and organizations being honored today are showing us the way and putting this approach into practice.”



DAS Commissioner Martin Anderson (third from the left) poses for a photo after the awards ceremony.

The Connecticut Climate Change Leadership Awards Program was developed by the Governor’s Steering Committee on Climate Change to: recognize individuals and organizations that have taken exemplary action in the past year to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change, increase awareness of climate change solutions and Connecticut action on climate change, and recognize individuals who make a significant impact by engaging a larger group to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The awards were first presented in 2006. This year’s award recipients were chosen from 23 nominations received statewide.

DAS Commissioner Martin Anderson is a member of the Governor’s Steering Committee on Climate Change and was proud to present one of the award winners with the honor. Bernard Brennan has a long list of active leadership positions with a green flavor. In his remarks Anderson said, “He’s the founding member of Transi-



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tion Greater New Haven which fosters local sustainability and resilience; he's a Steering Committee member of the New Haven Bioregional group, a Board member of CT Northeast Organic Farming Association and the list goes on and on."

DAS Procurement's Don Casella is on the Climate Change Coordinating Committee staff which assists the Steering Committee and helps implement GSC initiatives.

To read the entire press release and more about all seven winners, [click here](#).

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Shaving Costs with Reverse Auctions

By Christine Vestal, Stateline Staff Writer

NOTE: DAS Procurement has participated in several reverse auctions for the state of Connecticut.

One afternoon two weeks ago, Bob Furman, a purchaser for the state of Delaware, was staring at a computer screen in a conference room in Dover. Bids on a big state contract for electricity were rolling in over the Internet, and as he munched on popcorn, the price Delaware would pay to power its state buildings kept going exactly the direction Furman hoped: down.

Furman was running what's called a "reverse auction." It's a bit like using eBay, but with a twist. Rather than selling something to buyers who bid the price up until one of them wins, Furman was doing the opposite. He was buying something from sellers who bid the price down lower and lower until one of them gets the state's business.

Five electricity sellers battled each other for the three-year state contract. Much like an eBay auction, the most furious bidding and countering came at the end, just before the close of the event. In the end, Washington Gas Energy Services won the contract, at a price projected to save Delaware more than \$13 million on its utility bills over the next three years. The agreement also included a guarantee that more than 30 percent of the power would come from renewable sources in the first year of the deal.

To read the entire Stateline.org article, [click here](#).

State Offices Closed July 2

Most of the state offices will be closed on Friday July 2, 2010 due to a mandatory state furlough day. Agencies are reminded not to schedule purchase deliveries on those days if your building is closed.

DAS also reminds agencies to provide a written communication to any contractual service providers if you will not be requiring services in your building on the furlough day.