



Contracts

DAS Makes Moves Towards A More Business Friendly Agency

The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) has undertaken an aggressive effort to modify its business practices in the area of contracting and contractor prequalification requirements and procedures. Much has been said about the need to make Connecticut's contracting system more business friendly at all levels. Governor Malloy has directed DAS to take steps to streamline agency processes and procedures, to eliminate unneeded bureaucracy and administrative duplication and to implement the use of technological solutions to increase customer access and utilization and state employee productivity.

Similarly, the legislature has demonstrated strong interest in improving contracting procedures and in easing bureaucratic requirements on state businesses, and particularly on small businesses, which may be discouraged from competing for state contracts.

Towards addressing these directives and concerns, the DAS assembled two focus groups comprised of agency customers, business association representatives and state agency program administrators.

One session addressed contracting procedures and requirements while the second session reviewed the requirements and procedures associated with the contractor prequalification program. Each session focused on four areas of discussion and potential improvement: Customer Service, Administrative Protocols, Statutory Requirements and Technology Changes.

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10PSX0234 - Technical LAN Furniture for AUSA, Political Sub-Divisions of the State and Not-For-Profit Organizations.

10PSX0240 - Epoxy Resin Pavement Markings (Furnish & Application), DOT

10PSX0253 - New Systems Workstation Furniture and furniture services for All Using Agencies, Political Sub-Divisions and Not-For-Profit Organizations.

10PSX0270 - Vehicle Detector Loop Wire Sealant (Polyester Compound) for The Department of Transportation.

10PSX0299 - DOT requirements for Heavy Duty Truck Radiators for Freightliner Model FL80

10PSX0342 - Printing: Yearbooks for the Connecticut Technical High School System (CT HSS)

10PSX0343 - Secondary Containment and Spill Control Products

10PSX0353 - Rubbish & Recycling Removal for DEP Parks

11PSX0007 - Annual Boiler Cleaning, Maintenance and Service

11PSX0020 - Purchase and Delivery of Air Conditioner and Gas Furnace Systems

11PSX0027 - Overhead Door Repairs

11PSX0041 - Equipment shelter for DEP per specifications listed in bid package

11PSX0056 - Fixed Price Purchase of B20 Bio Diesel for the CT DOT

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Some major advances already in the works include:

- Applications for Supplier Diversity and Construction Contractor Prequalification can already be submitted on-line.
- As of March 1, 2011 applicants to the Supplier Diversity Program can electronically upload their required documentation.
- By approximately May 30, 2011 applicants to the Construction Contractor Prequalification program will be able to upload their required documents on-line.
- Reverse Auction capability will be available to DAS by the end of April 2011.
- On-line bidding, not previously expected until 2013, will likely be implemented by DAS by the end of September 2011.
- E-bid notification is under study for implementation as soon as practical.

These steps would lessen purely administrative requirements, decrease costs to Connecticut contractors and lead to improved state employee productivity.

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