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New Spend Reduction Directive

The Spend Reduction directive issued by DAS on July 1, 2009 is rescinded and the following procedures are now in effect.

“Due to the continuing fiscal challenges facing the state, it is imperative that all state agencies take steps to evaluate and justify expenditures and guard against excessive and unnecessary spending.” DAS Commissioner DeFronzo said in his memo. “It is the policy of this administration to empower agencies to make good decisions, economize and save money whenever possible, while preserving critical services.”

[Please click here to read the entire memorandum from DAS commissioner Donald DeFronzo.](#)

DAS will continue to monitor agency operations for compliance with these measures.

Did You Say *Lawn* Equipment?

Looking for lawn equipment? Probably not at the moment, but you will be happy to know there is a new lawn and grounds maintenance contract in place that has snow throwers, blowers, sanders and spreaders, too. [Contract 10PSX0307](#) (which replaces the old contract 04PSX0211) is available to all Connecticut using state agencies, municipalities and not-for-profit organizations.

This contract covers everything from commercial aerators to z-turn mowers to everything else in between. Contact any of the vendors listed on the contract which includes four Connecticut certified small businesses! They will be more than happy to provide you with assistance for your lawn and ground maintenance needs. Questions regarding the contract can be directed to DAS Procurement’s Teresa Dupont at Teresa.Dupont@ct.gov or 860-713-5073.

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10PSX0239 The purchase of a wide variety of cars and light duty trucks

10PSX0259 Test instruments to be used by Department of Public Safety CTS (Connecticut Telecommunications System) engineers to service the DPS/CSP digital trunked radio system.

10PSX0286 Specialty Locks, Parts, Keys and Related Materials/Services for the Department of Correction, All Using Agencies and Political Sub-Divisions

10PSX0296 Bituminous Concrete Materials and Bridge Deck Membrane Waterproofing (Complete in Place)

10PSX0309 Furnishing and Applying Ultra thin Hot Mix Asphalt Materials

10PSX0345 Custodial Services for the Department of Correction's Community and Parole Services Office

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Weaned from the Bottle

There are always going to be reasons why the state needs to buy bottled water. Picture a group of DOT workers constructing a bridge in August. There simply isn't a tap available. Other facilities, with various reasons, can prove that their tap water is undrinkable. Bottled water, with its ease of portability, is now a part of everyday life.

However in recent years the discussion of tap water versus bottled water has begun to heat up. The State of Connecticut has had a "No Bottled Water" policy in effect for years and has really begun to enforce this policy in response to the discussion.

The state of Connecticut cut its spending on bottled water by 82% last year. "By monitoring and questioning bottled water purchases over the past few years, we've seen significant spend reductions in the bottle water category, and we will continue to monitor bottled water purchases in the future," said DAS Procurement Director Carol Wilson.

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