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## **Gov Malloy: Connecticut Hosts Matchmaker Event**

**June 23 All-Day Event Offers Contracting Opportunities for Connecticut Small Businesses**

(Hartford, CT) – Governor Dannel P. Malloy announced a partnership between state and federal agencies designed to match qualified Connecticut small businesses with federal and state prime contractors to increase business opportunities. On June 23 at the University of Hartford, Connecticut small businesses will have an opportunity to meet with prime government contractors and federal and state contracting agencies.

“I’m committed to making sure businesses and contractors alike know that Connecticut is open for business,” said Governor Malloy. “By hosting a forum where small businesses can meet and discuss business opportunities with federal contractors, we are helping to expand opportunities for Connecticut workers and grow the Connecticut economy.”

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## **Comptroller issues new policy for purchases under \$1,000**

On May 9, the Connecticut State Comptroller’s office issued a memo to state agencies regarding a new purchasing policy.

Effective July 1, 2011, payments for purchases by all state agencies under \$1,000 shall be made using the State of Connecticut Purchasing Card (P-Card). For many agencies, this will mean use of the P-Card for purchases that have been traditionally ordered via purchase order. The P-Card is a successfully proven program. In use by the state for more than a decade, it provides agencies an efficient, cost-effective method of procuring small-dollar as well as high volume purchases.

The P-Card not only represents a material cost savings, but it also reduces valuable resources in the procurement and accounts payable operations, especially when compared to the traditional procurement and disbursement process. [Read the entire memorandum here.](#)



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## Contracts Awarded over the last 14 Days

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**011PSX0036** Raw Material for Plastic Bag Manufacture for the Department of Correction

**10PSX0263** Custodial (Janitorial) Supplies Partial SBE/ MBE Set-Aside requirement

**10PSX0312** HVAC Maintenance for 4 DDS Groups

**10PSX0314** Lawn Care Services - DDS / Danbury Center

**10PSX0327** HVAC Maintenance at Division of Special Revenue

**10PSX0328** The Purchase of GSA Rated Class 5 Safes for the Department of Motor Vehicles

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Under direction from the Connecticut Attorney General's (AG) Office, DAS has revised the AG's pre-approved Contract To Form.

Through the authority delegated to executive branch state agencies under General Letter #71, certain purchases of goods and services costing less than \$50,000 may be made without prior and specific approval of the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) or the Department of Information Technology (DOIT) provided that a DAS or DOIT contract does not exist for the goods and/or services being acquired. Executive branch state agencies should be aware that all contracts entered into shall be approved as to form by the Attorney General.

While a majority of the updates are regarding minor contract language changes, users should re-familiarize their agency with a few sections. One new section is #43, the Audit and Inspection of Plants, Places of Business and Records. Section #58, regarding Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act has been completely replaced. Another new section is #60, which covers Financial Audit for State Grants. Plus section #59, Encryption of Data: Breach of Security or Loss Replaced has been revised and updated.

To ensure you are using the most recently revised version, look for "Rev. 04/11" on the cover page. [Here's the link.](#)

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## Video Recording Tape Update

With the decrease in the need for video recording tape, the Video Recording Tape contract 07PSX0015, which expires on May 31, 2011, will not be rebid. Anyone still needing to purchase tapes can acquire them through the [Office Supply Contract 07PSX0044](#).

### *Matchmaker continued...*

This matchmaker event will provide the small business community the opportunity to meet with large prime contractors, so they can inform the contractor about the goods and services they provide in an effort to gain new business opportunities and partnerships.

It also provides prime contractors an opportunity to meet small businesses – including small, minority, women and veteran-owned businesses – they might not have previously known about, helping to increase their subcontracting pool and product offerings.

In addition to the business meetings, representatives from the **Connecticut Department of Administrative Services**, U.S. General Services Administration, U.S. Small Business Administration and others will give short presentations on the state and federal small business set aside programs and how to become certified to bid on state and federal government contract work.

[For more information use this link.](#)