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DAS Commissioner DeFronzo attends St. Francis Set Aside Kick-off Event

(October 2012) On Monday October 22 Commissioner DeFronzo and Supplier Diversity Program Manager Meg Yetishefsky attended the kick-off event of Saint Francis Hospital's new Supplier Diversity Program. "As you know, Governor Malloy is always encouraging public-private partnerships here in Connecticut and I can't think of a better example than this event," said Commissioner DeFronzo.

In its initial phase, St. Francis will access the DAS on-line State Supplier Diversity database of over 3,000 state certified small and minority vendors. It is a comprehensive list of food service distributors, equipment suppliers, landscapers, plumbers, contractors and more. "Our diverse list of vendors and commodities should prove helpful for the new St. Francis Supplier Diversity program," said DeFronzo

"Plus, your new supplier diversity program will be an economic development incentive for those state certified vendors. Our directory is available online 24/7 for your use and our 3,000 certified vendors will now have the opportunity to contract with St. Francis – promoting the local economy, local businesses and jobs," he added.