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Matchmaker Conference Sells Out!

by Nina Ritson



It seems like only yesterday that DAS was honored to launch the very first Matchmaker event, bringing small and large businesses together to network and to explore business opportunities. This program has been so successful that this year it was sold out in advance with no room for walk-ins!

On June 11, many businesses gathered at the Gengras Student Union at the University of Hartford for this invaluable opportunity. At this event, small businesses met with Matchmakers (including prime contractors, municipalities, government agencies and companies interested in increasing their supplier/subcontractor lists) to present their products and services in a series of 10-minute one-on-one interviews.

Commissioner Currey had praise for the presenters: "Carol Wilson, Director of Procurement, runs a very good shop and Meg Yetishefsky, Manager of the Supplier Diversity Program, has worked tremendously hard to help Connecticut's small- and minority-owned businesses succeed. As many



Top: Commissioner Currey welcomes the crowd at Matchmaker 2015.

Below: Meg Yetishefsky thanks all who helped make this year so successful.



Above: Members of the DAS Procurement team meet and answer questions and offer information for attendees.

Below: Small and large businesses connected all day at the Matchmaker 2015 event.

of you know, I was the mayor of East Hartford and worked with the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) for years. They have a wonderful program, as does Meg, and we look forward to moving forward in this area.”

Scott Jellison, Chief Operating Officer of the MDC in turn sang the praises of Commissioner Currey, “Our Small Local Business Enterprise program was almost canceled but thanks to Melody’s swift action this program was saved!”

Attendees enjoyed a continental breakfast before opening remarks were delivered by several speakers.

Martin Roth, Dean of the Barney School of Business, University of Hartford praised the Entrepreneurial Center and urged everyone to consider taking advantage of all this center has to offer.

Robert Zarnetske, of the General Services Administration (GSA) said, “Government and private business do merge a lot and often to make a difference. There is over a billion dollars spent on contracts with the government each year in New England. The internet was the invention of such an alliance. The Department of Defense and Higher Education partnered with private industry to fulfill a need.”

Meg Yetishefsky closed by saying, “Please take the time to meet with these great resources and thank you - we could not do this without the help and participation of all of you!”

Interviews continued throughout the day in 10 minute intervals with a lunch break at noon and the event ended at 3:00 pm.

Mark Raymond Addresses CEN Conference



Chief Information Officer Mark Raymond speaks at the Connecticut Education Network's third annual conference.

DAS/BEST is part of the Connecticut Education Network, one of the nation's first all-optical research and education IT networks. CEN provides reliable, high-speed Internet access, data transport and other services to its member school districts and other educational institutions around the state.

On May 15, 2015, CEN held its third annual conference at the Connecticut Convention Center. About 440 registered attendees, along with multiple invited vendors, heard from DAS/BEST's Mark Raymond, the State's Chief Information Officer, about the network and its recent activity. He described the statewide fiber optic network as a 'connective tissue' that links the state to the rest of the world, delivers content to schools and universities and links students to students and countries to countries.

There are more than 40 Connecticut municipalities connected to the network and another 50 in progress. The goal is to have every town on the network.

In the last year, there has been a substantial increase in network usage and increased traffic. Significant investments are being made to increase capacity, add bandwidth and improve connectivity to important communications and information hubs such as New York City.

Conference attendees heard speakers on topics such as: the future of IT inside organizations and how people consume information through technology in their daily lives; accessing and assuring the security of technology resources; use of IT for new ways to communicate; use of technology in schools and libraries; and web filtering issues.

The conference was a vivid demonstration that the support and imagination of our state's IT professionals are an integral part of the state's education system from pre-kindergarten through college and beyond. Information technology has become a part of everyone's daily life these days and the capabilities and innovations in IT will only grow in importance to our agency in the years ahead.

DAS participates in Veterans Career Fair

by Alicia Nuñez and Deb Mainville

The Veterans Career Fair took place on Monday, June 1, 2015 at the Ethan Allen Hotel in Danbury, Connecticut. Several companies in Connecticut were specifically looking to hire veterans who possess transferable skills for their open job positions.

The Connecticut Department of Labor organized the Veterans Career Fair. “With more than 50 employers signed up to meet with former military personnel and family members at the Danbury Veterans’ Career Fair, this is a great opportunity for veterans to find a job, research new careers, and get free résumé assistance from Labor Department staff,” said Deb Mainville, HR Consultant and Alicia Nuñez, EEO Manager who participated on behalf of DAS.



Alicia Nuñez and Deb Mainville pose with Comptroller Kevin Lembo at a recent job fair.

The impressive partial list of employers that were looking to recruit veterans included: State of Connecticut Department of Administrative Services, State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Services, State of Connecticut Office of Higher Education, Federal Bureau of Prisons – FCI Danbury, Norwalk Police Department, Verizon Wireless, and Yale University.

In addition, the Connecticut Department of Labor offered a Veterans Orientation Workshop to help veterans learn more about the several different training services that are available at the State’s American Job Centers.

The career fair was only one of many such fairs that DAS Human Resources participated in. Some of the other events this past Spring included:

- **Career and Internships Fair** on April 1 at the Eastern Connecticut State University
- **Career Resources Community Career Fair** on April 9 at the Webster Bank Arena, Bridgeport
- **University of Hartford Education, Nonprofit and Government Career Fair** on April 9
- **Heroes 4 Hire** on April 14 at Rentschler Field
- **Diverse Ability** on April 28 at the Sheraton in Rocky Hill

Thanks to the HR team for helping Connecticut job seekers apply for and achieve employment!

Design and Trades Conference

by Bonnie Becker

With the anticipated adoption of the new State Building Code coming this fall, this year's Design and Trades Conference on May 28th was more important than ever. The goal of the conference, hosted by DAS' Office of Education and Data Management (OEDM), in partnership with the University of Hartford's Construction Institute (CI), was to provide training in the latest codes and standards that govern the way Connecticut's buildings and grounds are designed, structured, wired, plumbed, heated and cooled.



This is the 14th year that OEDM has presented the conference, and the second year collaborating with the Construction Institute. There were more than 226 attendees, including architects, electricians, interior designers, plumbers, contractors, engineers, building officials, fire marshals, masons and HVAC technicians. In addition to staying up to date on the Connecticut State Building Code, participants learned about new trends in design/build, shared ideas and questions with others in the industry, and viewed products and services from the conference exhibitors.

DAS Deputy Commissioner Pasquale "Bud" Salemi and CI Executive Director Nancy Greenwald delivered opening remarks, with DC Salemi highlighting the success of the collaboration between OEDM and CI. "This is a great place for all parts of the industry to come together – designers, builders, regulatory agents, owners and facility managers – to build relationships that promote understanding between different parts of the field." DC Salemi also presented licensure certificates to recent graduates of OEDM's newly revised Pre-Licensure Building Code Enforcement training program.



Above: Deputy Commissioner Salemi Speaks to the crowd at the Design and Trades Conference.

The Design and Trades Conference offered twenty-eight 90-minute training sessions in such topics as deck design, home remodeling, active fire protection features, new water heater regulations, code compliance for swimming pools, landscape lighting and exterior electrical code requirements, fire-resistance-rated

construction, and residential and commercial requirements of the 2012 International Energy Conservation Code.

If you are interested in attending next year's conference, or would like information about being a presenter or vendor, contact OEDM at **860-713-5522** or at oadm@ct.gov.

Aspiring Leaders Graduates Two of Our Own

by Nina Ritson

On June 16, the fifth Aspiring Leaders program graduated 25 trained leaders into the world ready to take on any challenge and make change for a better state government.

After eleven weeks in classes preparing for this day each candidate had their opportunity to present their Capstone project to their peers and, for some, to their supervisors, directors and Commissioners.



The projects were quite impressive like Rebecca Woodward's of Western Connecticut State University's IT department who is challenged with fixing the "black hole" at their help desk, and Angel Rivera's ambition to close the expensive call centers at Department of Labor to move employees into a more productive Telework environment.

But high on the "impressive" list were reports from the two DAS graduating leaders, Jason Crisco from Office of the Commissioner and Leonard Welch from BEST.



Jason's presentation addressed the issue of Succession Planning and the need to hire a younger workforce. While he presented a chart illustrating the age of the state workforce and the years of service it became very clear that a huge "bubble" of "baby boomers" is nearing retirement eligibility within the next ten years potentially eliminating over 40% of the workforce. "Although there are attrition plans in place and we've seen great advances in technology, our current workforce will not be able to absorb the work of those retiring unless we take a proactive approach to succession planning."

Top: Chief Information Officer Mark Raymond stands with Commissioner Currey as they present Leonard Welch (center) his certificate of completion of the Aspiring Leaders Course.

Above: Jason Crisco presents his Capstone Project for all candidates and guests at the Aspiring Leaders graduation.

Next page: The June 2015 graduating class with trainer, Peggy Zabawar.

Looking at this chart 64.5% of the the executive branch workforce will be eligible to retire in the next 10 years and even scarier are the statistics for managers, 84.8% can retire in the next 10 years.”

Leonard Welch of BEST gave an animated presentation of the need for instant messaging technology in the network of state communications. “We need an integrated mass platform system that follows the employee - with immediate access to desktop or file sharing and can integrate with voicemail and email from a tablet or wireless device.” he spoke passionately, “and this must be secure! It could be vulnerable if it is not built the right way.” He noted that the existing fiber network in the state can handle this additional media and that this would be a huge help not only in the field on a day to day basis but especially during times of disaster recovery.

All candidates were presented their diplomas by Commissioner Currey who closed by saying, “Leadership in state government today is a

unique challenge. Our state agencies are faced with a landscape that includes fewer resources but ever more demands for service and responses to multiple customers. Our agency executives have few opportunities to step back and analyze the larger, longer view and to reflect on goals and objectives, or to learn what new ideas and best practices are being developed here and around the country. You leave here with new tools and skills to address these many issues. More importantly you have established a network of fellow Aspiring Leaders to lean on when the answers aren’t so clear. I encourage you to contact each other and keep this network of leaders alive. The solution to your problem may be just a phone call away. I urge you to consider hiring younger employees and integrate their knowledge into your programs.” She praised Peggy Zabawar for yet another successful Aspiring Leaders graduation and said, “You have all done a wonderful job!”



Women-Owned Business Day

by Nina Ritson and Meg Yetishefsky

On April 8, many women business owners and those considering getting into business gathered at the Capitol for the Women-Owned Business Day sponsored by the Women's Business Development Council.

Meg Yetishefsky, manager of DAS' Supplier Diversity told a breakout group of about 40 women that the state has a very aggressive set-aside program. She said "If you are a small business owner in the state of Connecticut and the state is not your client, it should be," she said. There are approx 3,000 companies that have gone through the process of becoming certified as a small business, and she said that many have



Devin Marquez and Meg Yetishefsky discuss issues with business owners and future business owners at the Women's Business Development Day at the Capitol.

continued success with the program. She said that even if a woman business owner isn't sure she wants to sell to the state, it can still be advantageous to get certified.

The event included many speakers including Commissioners like Sharon Palmer, Commissioner of Labor and Catherine Smith, Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development. This year's keynote speaker, Amanda Brown is the Executive Director of the National Women's Business Council. She is also an advisor to the President on women's business issues. She spoke in length on Government contracts, pay equity, and women in nontraditional trades.

The message? Keep persevering!

"This event always generates interest in the Supplier Diversity program," Meg said,

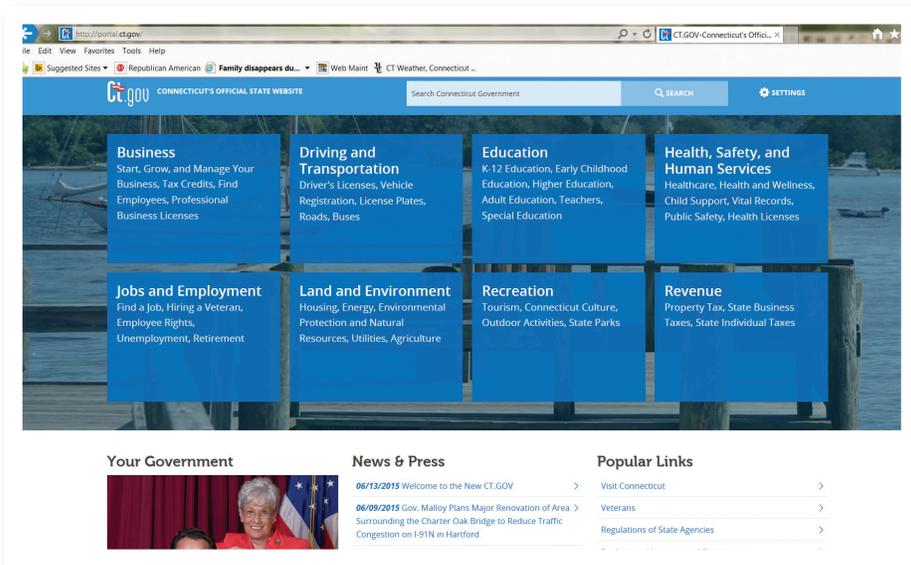
"It always amazes me the different types of businesses that attend the event and the dedicated women running these businesses. Always positive feedback – a very uplifting day."

She added, "It is a uplifting to leave an event like this because women are now empowered to better their business or for some – start a business. It is definitely a 'can do' event!"

CT.Gov update

On June 15, a new DAS web committee met to update the transition process from the old web content management application to the new CT.gov portal.

The newly redesigned official website, www.ct.gov launched under the new web content management application. The new website has been designed to function on computers, tablets and mobile devices, and has been streamlined and organized towards the specific needs of the residents of our state. At the moment, the state's main portal has shifted over to the new design, as have the websites for the Office of the Governor and the Office of the Lt. Governor.



Over the coming months, the websites for every single state agency will soon be transferred to this new system. Governor Malloy said this in a recent press release, "We'd like to thank all of the staff at the Department of Administrative Services' Bureau of Enterprise Systems and Technology (BEST) for their valuable and dedicated work towards launching the new website. We'd also like to thank the input of the staff from every state agency, all of whom have helped provide valuable information for this redesign and whose efforts will

continue to be helpful as the websites of each agency soon switch over to this new format."

It will be several months before the transition happens at the agency level but during this time web content administrators, managers, or personnel who update their unit's site are being asked to review their existing pages for content and to update information. Outdated information can be accessed through Google search engines and can cause confusion to the general public so our information has to be kept current. In the meantime, if you are unable to make web changes or edits to the site yourself, all DAS Classic web edits can be sent to John McKay by printing out the pages and marking them up with your changes. Any DCS web edits can go to Becky Cutler at Rebecca.Cutler@ct.gov or call her at (860) 713-5762. At BEST, Angela Taetz and Mario Mezzio of BEST have formed a subcommittee to address changes on the BEST site.

Any questions or concerns, please contact John McKay at John.McKay@ct.gov or (860)-713-5197.

Leaning on DAS Office of School Facilities

by John McKay

“That’s how we’ve always done it,” or “I don’t know why we do it this way, we just do.” How many times have you heard those phrases throughout your career?

Well no more for the DAS Office of School Facilities. The unit went through an extensive five day, top to bottom reevaluation of their office, their processes and rules.



*From left to right front row: Kevin Kopetz, Jason Crisco, Marcelle Pichanick Groves, Nance McCauley, Michelle Dixon, Bonne Pathman, and Vicki Barney.
From left to right back row: Iancu Nicolae, Fran Dwyer, Kermit Thompson, Craig Russell and Kevin Chambers.*

The process is called Lean.

The Lean technique is a systematic method for the elimination of waste within a process. Lean also takes into account waste created through overburden and waste created through unevenness in workloads. Working from the perspective of the client who consumes a product or service, “value” is any action or process that a customer would be willing to pay for. Essentially, Lean is

centered on making obvious what adds value by reducing everything else.

For five days the team reevaluated their business communication strategies, clarified their processes, sought out where technology could be incorporated into their everyday business needs and identified their biggest problems and searched for their solutions. The project is looking at the entire school grants process to see how it can be simplified, sped up and made more user friendly.

Why do it? The current Office of School Facilities staff is overburdened, resulting in delays to the projects and complaints from clients. Many client districts and/or design teams do not fully understand the process because it has not been clearly defined. Some of what the office does is a legacy process that no longer fits.

The end result of this Lean initiative is a more reasonable workload for all staff, a simplified process that will enable client districts to more easily provide complete and accurate submissions, and hopefully, satisfied client districts and design teams.

Part of the event involved mapping out their processes on large posters with post-it notes, indicating there was a step in the process. “Stepping back and looking at the poster really gave us a fresh perspective and how much waste there is and how improvements can be incorporated into the unit,” said Michelle Dixon.

On Friday, May 8 each member of the team did a “report out” to division directors on what the experience was like and how improvements can be made.

“I’m really excited and engaged again in the job at hand,” said Michelle Dixon. More importantly, my staff has new life and excitement about how we can improve just about every aspect of our job and processes,” said Dixon.

Some early predictions of improvements from the Lean event include:

Streamlining a payment process from 23 days down to 16-17 days.

The Grant Application to Commitment Process reduced from four weeks to two weeks.

Making business calendar adjustments to be more client friendly while at the same time helping staff with work deadlines.

A Special Honor for Dr. Martin Anderson by Jason Crisco

Dr. Martin Anderson was recently summoned from the comfort of retirement to receive the “Margaret Diachenko Achievement Award” for his service to the Connecticut State Employees Campaign for Charitable Giving.

Ms. Diachenko was one of the founding members of the Connecticut State Employee’s Campaign who dedicated eight years of service to the committee, half of them as committee chair, before retiring from state service.

Peggy Gray of the State Comptroller’s Office praised Dr. Anderson, “The person who is being honored today is no stranger to the campaign. This recipient has served as a committee member and has tirelessly promoted and supported the campaign for more than a decade. It is because of this individual’s many years of commitment and dedication to the campaign that this award is very fitting for this honoree.”

“Whenever [Martin] was contacted for assistance there was always a positive response. Whether a meeting was requested to discuss boosting campaign support, or to simply hand over a check raised from a special event, he was always available. From one special event that was held every year we firmly believe that today’s honoree really enjoyed the game of golf. And because of the money that was raised year after year from the tournament that was held annually, we are very glad that they did.”

There was also an award presented to another DAS employee. Earlier this year the campaign committee discussed a new category of awards. Committee members wanted to find a way to acknowledge and thank state agencies that they have not been recognized in the past. As a result the committee created awards in four categories based on employee size. (small, medium, large and x-large)

For the medium sized agencies – 501 to 1,000 employees – the winner was the Department of Administrative Services. Kelly Dillon of Workers’ Compensation accepted this award on behalf of DAS as the campaign coordinator.

Congratulations Kelly and Martin and thank you to everyone who pledges each year so that the Campaign for Charitable Giving can continue their important service to the residents of Connecticut!



Top: Peggy Gray presents an award to Dr. Martin Anderson (now retired).

Above: Deputy Commissioner Tony Fatone and Jason Crisco present an award to Kelly Dillon (center).

Commissioner Currey Welcomes New Employees to DAS

by Nina Ritson



This spring, Commissioner Currey welcomed several new employees to DAS.

Commissioner Currey recognizes that new employees face a significant adjustment period when they first begin a new job so she wanted to start a new tradition of making sure all employees feel welcome as new members of the DAS family. Moving forward, all new DAS employees will have the opportunity to meet the Commissioner in her office on the morning of their orientation.

“We service so many agencies, that your job and your service is very important to state service. But I want you to enjoy your job. All I ask for is a full day’s work for a full day’s pay. My door is always open but if something concerns you I ask that you respect the chain of command in your unit too,” Commissioner Currey said.

“Welcome to DAS!”



Top: Commissioner Currey greets new employees Steven Wilson (BEST), Scott Phelps (DCS), Joshua Scollins (Office of the Commissioner), Robert Celmer (DCS), Laura DiMeola (State Marshal Commission) and Tony Fortuna (BEST).

Middle: Later that month Commissioner Currey met with Jacquelin O’Donovan (DCS), Jeanne Germain (Core-CT) and Michael Leonard (Intern BEST).

Right: Tim Geary looks on as Van Nguyen (Business Office) and Rhonda Haskell (Business Office) meet Commissioner Currey.



Groundbreakings and Ribbon-cuttings: by John McKay

Agricultural Experiment Station



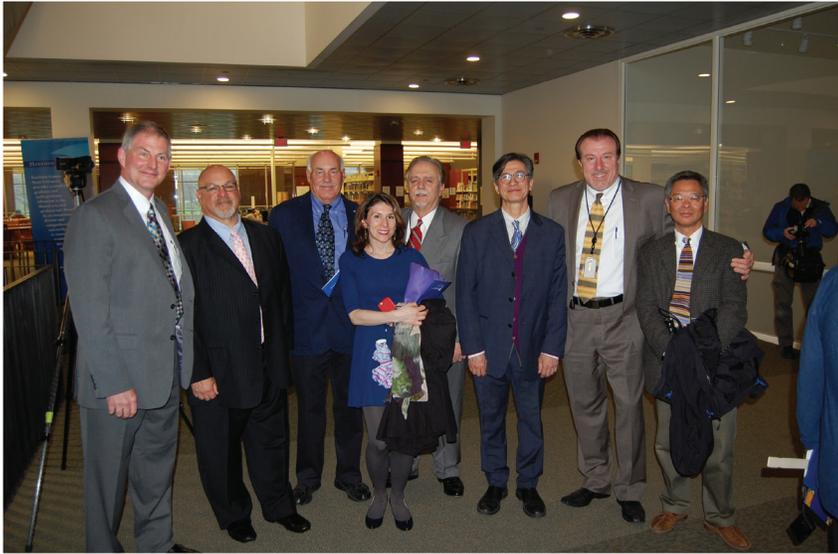
In June, Governor Malloy, along with Deputy Commissioner Bud Salemi, cut the ribbon for the new Agricultural Experiment Station in New Haven. Deputy Commissioner Salemi said, “The Department of Administrative Services and the team at the Division of Construction Services are proud to be part of this ribbon-cutting event. Improving and renovating state facilities for today ensures that we have the right people and equipment in place to tackle whatever the future may bring. It’s been a wonderful partnership between the Agricultural Experiment Station and the DAS team to complete this construction project with my thanks going to everyone involved in the completion of this new facility.”

Naugatuck Valley Community College



Joined by state and local dignitaries and members of the Naugatuck Valley Community College campus community, Governor Malloy, Commissioner Currey and Naugatuck Valley Community College President Daisy Cocco De Filippis, Ph.D. led a groundbreaking ceremony on Friday, April 17 for NVCC’s new Center for Health Sciences. The center will be housed in Founders Hall, which is undergoing a comprehensive \$44 million renovation and addition project. The State Bond Commission approved a \$39 million allocation for the project in January.

The new state-of-the-art space will include patient simulator labs, classrooms, faculty and administrative offices, computer labs, student study areas, a collaborative learning classroom, a 125-seat lecture hall and a multipurpose room with seating for 320. The building will boast the latest in energy-efficient technology including LED lighting and is expected to receive a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver certification.



Southern Connecticut State University's Buley Library

From left to right: Mark Welch, Eric Lesnee, DCS's Robert Prentice, Delia Nevola, DCS Deputy Commissioner Bud Salemi, Nester Bottino, DCS's Emilio Pizzoferrato and Peter Chow.

Southern Connecticut State University is now home to a state-of-the-art library that will offer students the latest in media technology in a modern and attractive facility. The DAS Division of Construction Services played a big part in getting this project done.

The \$31 million renovation project enables the university to boast a library that is 245,000 square feet, which includes the original wing, as well as the 135,000 square foot addition that was completed in 2008. It also includes a new 12,000-square-foot area encompassing an atrium and skywalk connecting the two sections of the building on the first and third floors.



Hammonasset Beach State Park

Governor Dannel P. Malloy announced that Hammonasset Beach State Park – Connecticut’s most popular state park – will soon be getting a new look, with two big projects on the horizon, including a brand new Meigs Point Nature Center and improvements to West Beach.

The new nature center will provide a modern, state-of-the-art environmental education venue, and the West Beach improvements will include a new bath house, which will give park visitors a comfortable, modern and attractive service area to replace a building that was heavily damaged by recent storms.

All of these improvements couldn’t happen without DAS’ Division of Construction Services. The Division coordinated all the architects, engineers and construction companies to work together to deliver this high-profile project. Commissioner Currey said, “The staff in our Construction Services division takes immense pride in projects like these. They are projects that will have a tremendous impact on Hammonasset Beach now and in the future. Our DAS team cannot think of a better way to kick off the beginning of the Memorial Day weekend than this ground breaking for these two new facilities for Connecticut.”



Top photo from left to right: DCS’ Project Manager Lee Rowley, Deputy Commissioner Bud Salemi, Commissioner Melody Currey, DCS’s Jenna Padula and Madison Connecticut State Representative Noreen Kokoruda pose for a photo before the groundbreaking ceremony at Hammonasset State Beach.

DAS is moving to 450 Columbus Boulevard

by John McKay



Yes, it is happening. DAS will be moving out of 165 Capitol Avenue sometime between November 2016 and February 2017 and we will have a great new building at 450 Columbus Boulevard to call home.

But with any move there is a lot to do. DAS Communications has constructed a website to help employees with this transition.

The address is <http://das.ct.gov/450>.

Employees need to familiarize themselves with the Records Retention policy so they know which documents to keep and how to begin to surplus office equipment. Each division has been assigned an Assistant Records Management Liaison Officer – ask your supervisor if you have any questions. Jeffrey Beckham is the Records Management Liaison Officer for the agency as a whole. He signs off on the RC-108 forms that permit disposal of records that are past their retention period. He may be contacted at jeffrey.beckham@ct.gov.

Also, division directors have assigned a designee for the asset action committee which will identify all assets in their division that need to be declared surplus or moved to 450 Columbus Boulevard. These committees should be at work this summer and should give regular updates to the division director concerning progress and obstacles.

It's Cinco de Mayo on the Fifth Floor!

On May 5, in keeping with a now four-year tradition, the Purchasing Unit along with Business Office staff took a breather from yet another hectic fiscal year-end week and gathered for a Cinco de Mayo feast in a fifth floor conference room to share great food and camaraderie.

From left to right: Jane Panetta, Kim Johnston, Jackie Gelpi, Amy Whitehouse, Shane Hubeny



People are talking..... by Cindy Rusczyk

Procurement Director Carol Wilson praised **Meg Yetishefsky**, manager of Supplier Diversity, for “making the news.” The Hartford Courant covered the Women Owned Businesses Day event organized by the Women’s Business Development Council at the Capitol in April. Meg spoke about the state’s very aggressive set-aside program to a breakout group of about 40 women. “Nice work Meg! Also, I received a very complimentary call from Julia Marquis from the State Contracting Standards Board who compliments both Meg and **Devin Marquez** (Devin also did a breakout session on doing business with the state) on their presentations yesterday. Congratulations Meg and Devin for another job well done!”

Commissioner Melody Currey also commended **Meg Yetishefsky** and **Devin Marquez**. “Nice job Meg and Devin. You both had a real impact with that group. Thank you!”

Becky Anderson sent a thank you message to Diane Mazar-Roberts to share with **Debra Arrieta, Robin Havelin, Nina Ritson, Jason Crisco, Peggy Zabawar, and Pamela Libby**. “With much gratitude I want to thank you and everyone who worked on the party for Martin for a truly special evening and wonderful send off for him. All of the details were so beautifully done: the proclamation, the pictures, the flowers, the food, the fabulous photo book, the gift and speakers. I am still trying to take it all in. I, and all of our family, were especially honored to meet so many of the people whom Martin has worked with through the years and have meant so much to him. Please pass on my deep appreciation to all for a fabulous celebration!”

Each issue we publish letters of praise that we have received about DAS employees going above and beyond. If you have received great service or would like to write about a DAS employee going the extra mile, email Cindy.Rusczyk@ct.gov Don't be shy - good work deserves a good word- DAS employees are the best!

“A Big ‘Thank You’ to **Joe Moreira** from the Procurement Staff for the wonderful work he did in our records storage basement room. Joe arranged, installed shelving units and moved boxes onto the shelves for us. The room is now so organized and easy to move around in!”

Amanda Allen, Program Manager of New Initiatives, from the Women’s Business Development Council (WBDC) sent accolades to **Devin Marquez** to “thank you so much for agreeing to participate last minute in the Breakout panel session focused on Access to Government Contracting with this year’s Women Owned Business Day. Your participation was so valuable to the group in bringing

your expertise to the discussion. Your expertise really helped to increase the engagement of the break out session. Thank you!”

DAS Communications would like to thank DAS Facilities’ **Don Poulin, Bob Green** and **Joe Moreira** for their work in arraigning logistics, setup and take down for Governor Malloy’s press conference at the Hartford River walk on April 22. “Everything was perfect for the event and everyone gave a ‘thumbs up’ for the event. Thank you,” said John McKay from DAS Communications.

Executive Director Carol Carson from the Office of State Ethics commended Ethics Liaison **Jeffrey Beckham** “for a job well done in coordinating the file list and sending periodic reminders to required filers. Connecticut is ranked second in the nation as a state with effective ethics oversight. Statements of Financial Interests are vital to transparency in government, and serve as a tool to maximize public confidence in governmental-decision making. The commitment to excellence and the effort put forth no doubt contributes to our standings and to your compliance success. Thank you.”

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COMINGS and GOINGS

Shown top to bottom from left to right:

RETIREMENTS

Joann Bellamo – Procurement - April

Susan Cieniewicz – BEST - May

Anthony Calabrese – Communications – May

Kristine Skoczylas – SmART – June

TRANSFERS

Cindy Martin – Statewide HR – to DMV

NEW EMPLOYEES:

Sean Anderson – Core-CT

Laura DiMeola – State Marshal Commission

Scott Phelps – DCS – May

Tony Fortuna – BEST – May

Joshua Scollins – Commissioner’s Office

Steven Wilson – BEST

Robert Celmer – DCS

Michael Leonard – intern BEST

Jacqueline O’Donovan – DCS

Jeanne Germain – Core-CT

Rhonda Haskell – Business Office

Van Nguyen – Business Office

Konstantinos Diamantis - DCS



Kristine Skoczylas



Cindy Martin



Sean Anderson



Laura DiMeola



Scott Phelps



Tony Fortuna



Joshua Scollins



Steven Wilson



Robert Celmer



Michael Leonard



Jacqueline O’Donovan



Jeanne Germain



Rhonda Haskell



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What were the chances.....



When Deputy Commissioner Toni Fatone walked into work on Thursday, June 11, Executive Assistant Debra Arrieta commented on the pretty blue dress she was wearing that day. Shortly after Dr. Pam Libby arrived a little early for a meeting with the Commissioner and was sporting a patriotic red jacket.

Debra observed, “Gee - red jacket - blue dress - all we need is for the Commissioner to walk in wearing something white.”

A minute later the Commissioner walked through the door and.....well, lets just say it was a Kodak moment.

*From Commissioner Currey
to the DAS Family
A very safe, fun and happy
Fourth of July!!!*

*Best Wishes to
Our Most Recent
DAS Retirees!!*





*Previous page:
Joanne Bellamo bid fairwell to many at her retirement party including Comptroller Kevin Lembo, Devin Marquez and Commissioner Currey.*

Kristine Skoczylas enjoyed her last day luncheon with coworkers in Room G38 and,

Above right: Photographer, Anthony Calabrese gleefully accepts his retirement placque from Commissioner Currey along with Deputy Commissioner Fatone and Director of Communications, Jeff Beckham.

Right: John McKay and Tony Calabrese pose for the photographer.



HAVE **You** SIGNED UP YET?



DASALERTS

- Are you sure you can be reached about workday cancellations, delayed openings, early dismissals or emergency situations?
- Everbridge allows you to register the best way to contact you: home phone, cell phone, text, email, even social media.
- The Everbridge App can be downloaded for FREE onto your Smart phone for easier use of the program.
- This same system was used to alert the public during Hurricane Katrina, Superstorm Sandy, during the Boston Marathon Bombings, and the shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School.
- Sign-up for DAS Alerts is free.
- The personal information provided will be used for Everbridge alerts notification purposes only.



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