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# DAS TIMES

## BEST Time to Move

by John McKay



After years of planning and preparation, moving day will soon be here for DAS BEST. Along with Core-CT, DAS' IT division will be moving into 55 Farmington Avenue in Hartford. DAS BEST will be on the 6th and 7th floors while Core-CT will be located on the 8th floor.

A building manual is currently being drafted to give new residents an overview of how the building works, emergency procedures, building amenities, and other useful information.

In preparation of the move, BEST employees are being asked to review records retention management policies to see which documents can be shredded and which documents should be scanned and retained.

Three weeks before the move, employees will be supplied three packing boxes provided by the moving company. Employees will be asked to pack up their professional items within those boxes including files, binders, discs, pens, etc. Instructions will be supplied on labeling these boxes for a smooth transition over to the new location.

BEST employees will also receive instruction on how to pack up their computer work stations including their power cords, mouse, monitors, etc.

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The building hours of 55 Farmington will be 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. with the understanding that some accommodations will be made for employees whose work shift differs from the building hours. There is 24/7 security at the building including security escorts to employee vehicles.

There are three areas designated for employee parking including the 55 Farmington Avenue garage under the building, the 50 Farmington Avenue parking lot across the street and the Flower Street parking lot. Ride Share vans and accessible parking spaces are available. Specific parking locations for employees will be assigned at a later date.

“We’re going to be asking for everyone’s patience and flexibility during this move,” said DAS Commissioner Donald DeFronzo. “I understand these types of changes will require a bit of getting used to, but over time everyone will adapt to the new building. I would like to thank everyone involved with the coordination of this move for this huge undertaking.”

## **Sneak Peak at 55 Farmington** by Nina Ritson

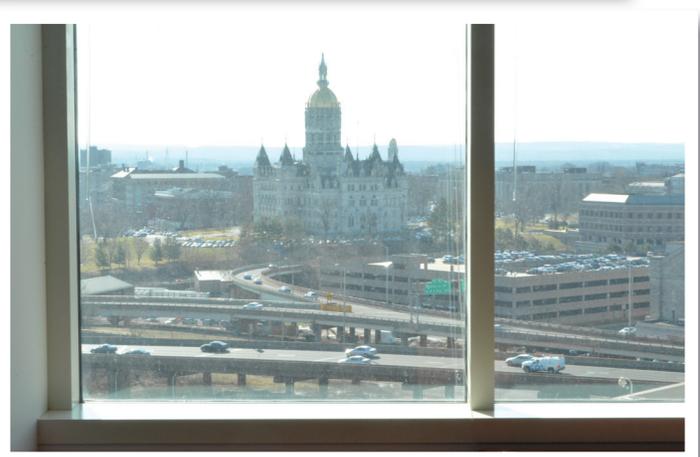
*Photos by Tony Calabrese, DAS Communications*

Although the first phase of the moves into 55 Farmington Avenue is only a month away, we thought you would enjoy a glimpse at the new digs. There is still work to be done at the time these photos were taken but most of the areas that will be occupied by BEST and Core-CT employees are in the final touch up stages. I am happy to report that these floors were bright and airy - and everyone -- I mean everyone -- has the opportunity to take in the panoramic cityscape views from each side of the building. The entrance is rich in marble and deep woodwork and the first floor houses many conference rooms as well as a cafeteria and loading dock area. The elevators are whisper quiet and finished in handsome woodtones. Some floors sport tall cubicle walls for privacy and some have shorter walls to capture the views from your desk.

Employees will be able to park their cars out of the elements in the two garages that have been recently revamped with bright LED lighting and fresh paint. Visitors will also have a designated parking area open to view from the building. Access is easy in and out of the garage from Flower Street. There will be secure code access to floors and all visitors must be screened in the lobby then escorted to their destination.

The streetscape is clean and is surrounded by The Hartford campus with its groomed lawns and walkways and mature trees, lending a calm atmosphere, reminiscent of an old college campus.

There is close access to I-84 and the secondary roads to Route 44, 91 and 2.



# School Safety Press Conference

by John McKay



## ***Governor Malloy Announced Additional Funding to Make Schools Safer***

Joined by legislators, agency commissioners and school officials at Wilbur Cross High School in New Haven, Governor Dannel P. Malloy announced a plan to expand the School Security Grant Program as part of his legislative agenda for 2014.

“Providing safe learning environments for our students and educators is a basic responsibility of state and local governments,” said Governor Malloy. “Last year, we secured funding to support grant requests for security upgrades at 604 schools - every school that applied. This year, I am proposing to expand eligibility to all public schools that need additional resources to modernize security infrastructure.”

The Governor’s budget proposal will include a \$10 million proposal to expand the School Security Grant Program, originally created as part of the historic 2013 legislation on gun violence prevention, mental health and school safety. Last year, the Governor helped secure \$21 million to cover projects in 111 school districts. That first round of funding was open to district-run community and magnet schools. The new plan expands eligibility to all public schools, including technical and inter-district magnet schools.



*Top: Governor Malloy addresses a crowd on School Safety Grants at Wilbur Cross High School  
Above: Commissioner DeFronzo speaks to the group*

Governor Malloy continued, “Connecticut has made significant strides in the past year to provide safe learning environments for our students. Additionally, I want to thank DAS Commissioner Donald DeFronzo and DESPP Deputy Commissioner William Shea for

their leadership on the School Security Infrastructure Council. The Council is establishing security standards that will require a more comprehensive and uniform consideration of school security measures that will make schools safer.”

Department of Administrative Services Commissioner DeFronzo stated, “Our challenge was to balance the need for statewide school security standards with the need to preserve an educational environment that maintains an open, welcoming and supportive place for teaching and learning. We think that the recommended process and design standards will achieve both goals.”

“Ensuring the safety of Connecticut’s schools is our most fundamental obligation. Governor Malloy’s proposal will provide further assistance to public schools in the wake of Sandy Hook, bolstering local efforts to strengthen and modernize school security,” said State Department of Education Commissioner Stefan Pryor. “We are grateful that the Governor continues to recognize the importance of supporting districts’ and municipalities’ efforts to strengthen school security.”



“If we are going to ‘reclaim the promise’ of public education in this state, we need safe, secure welcoming environments for our children to learn and our teachers to educate,” said Steve McKeever, American Federation of Teachers (AFT) Connecticut First Vice-President and science teacher at Middletown High School. “Governor Malloy recognizes the vital importance of safe schools and is helping local districts with the tools needed to improve school security.”

“Public Safety is one of the core functions of our government, especially when it comes to our children’s safety and security,” said Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) Deputy Commissioner William Shea. “This plan demonstrates the continuing commitment and investment Governor Malloy has made to our children and educators.”

The matching-grant program is administered by the state Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP). State funding is used to reimburse municipalities for a portion of the costs associated with security infrastructure improvements such as the installation of surveillance cameras, bullet proof glass, electric locks, buzzer and card entry systems, and panic alarms.

“We have learned difficult lessons from tragedies in Newtown and at other schools across the nation,” New Haven Mayor Toni H. Harp said. “Among them, we have learned the vital importance of failsafe emergency communications systems, comprehensive video monitoring, and restricted access to school buildings. The grant program Governor Malloy described today will help individual schools – and school districts like ours in New Haven – underwrite the costs of these sadly necessary upgrades.”

Awards are based on a school security assessment survey conducted by each local school district that applies. Each municipality will be reimbursed between 20 and 80 percent according to town wealth, as defined in subdivision (26) of section 10-262f of the Connecticut General Statutes.

# 10th Annual Heroes-4-Hire and College-2-Career Expos by Alicia Nuñez and Nina Ritson



The 10th Annual College-2-Career Expo was held on Wednesday, January 29, 2014 at Rentschler Field in East Hartford.

The event, sponsored by the Connecticut Labor Department, the Hartford-Springfield Economic Partnership and local colleges and universities, was geared toward current students who are looking for internship and employment opportunities.

Debra Mainville, Human Resources Specialist, and Alicia Nuñez, Equal Employment Opportunity Manager, were on hand to assist job seekers with information about getting a job with the state, taking an exam, signing up for e-alerts and navigating the DAS website.

“This event was open to students from all majors and all areas of interest,” said Nuñez, adding that students “dressed to impress and brought several copies of their resumé’s.”

The expo, which was held in the Ballroom at Rentschler Field, had representatives from over 57 companies, including names like CT Department of Transportation, CT State Police, University of Connecticut, and the U.S. Army and Navy recruiting Offices of New England. Admission was free and students explored internship, co-op, part-time and full-time employment opportunities.



In addition to employment opportunities, certified professional resumé writers from the Department of Labor were on-site to review and critique resumé’s. Other resources available included career counselors ready to assist attendees with questions relating to careers and training.

Debra Mainville, described the expo as an “excellent way for employers to meet soon-to-be graduates.”

On Tuesday, March 25 the team was back at Rentschler Field again for the Heroes-4-Hire Job Fair that was attended by over 85 exhibitors and 1,200 people. “Employers at today’s event have been extremely pleased with the experience and work-ready qualities that our veterans can bring to the workplace,” said Labor

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## Wide Open by John McKay

Governor Dannel P. Malloy announced in February that he had signed an executive order that will result in widespread amounts of raw government data to be collected, placed on the internet, and shared with the public in a major effort to increase transparency and provide a useful database that can be utilized by residents for any number of purposes. The Governor explained that the purpose of the order is to display data in its rawest form, before it has been aggregated and analyzed.

“Sharing data collected by state government will help to break down silos within government, make data more easily available for analysis by researchers and entrepreneurs, and in turn help spur economic growth and creative new policy,” said Governor Malloy. “This data belongs to the people of Connecticut, and this initiative will help make that data more easily and conveniently accessible to them.”

Every government agency produces some type of data, much of which is potentially of interest to the public, and an open data portal provides a uniform platform for that data to be published.

When data is shared in different places, or not shared at all, the information never gets a chance to be analyzed, aggregated or combined — either by other agencies or private citizens.

The State’s new Open Data Website will change all of that.

The portal will be managed and administered by Tyler Kleykamp of the Office of Policy and Management (OPM), who will serve as the state portal’s Chief Data Officer (CDO). Kleykamp previously served as the coordinator of state Geospatial Information Systems (GIS) at OPM.

“Every agency is being asked to participate and upload information to the site that they feel improves the visibility of agency information to the public,” said Kleykamp.

Each agency will appoint an Agency Data Office (ADO) who will upload the approved information to the Open Data Portal. The data will be reviewed to ensure no personal identifiable information is listed and proper redaction policies are followed.

## 10th Annual College-2-Career Expo Continued from page 6



Commissioner Sharon Palmer, “Their backgrounds make them well-suited to take on positions that require discipline, organization and strong leadership skills. The Heroes-4-Hire fair was sponsored by the Connecticut Department of Labor, Connecticut and federal Departments of Veterans’ Affairs, Travelers, CBS Radio and local chambers of commerce. In addition employers included DATTCO, Ensign-Bickford, Aerospace and Defense, ESPN, Fedex Ground, General Dynamics Electric Boat, Mohegan Sun, The Hartford, and several area police departments. Certified Professional resume writers were on staff and admission was free.

# DAS Accompanies CCSU in New Residence Hall Groundbreaking Ceremony

by John McKay



A ground breaking ceremony for a new residence hall was hosted by Central Connecticut State University on Wednesday, February 26, 2014.

The new 220,000 square foot residence hall will offer suite-style rooms with a living room and bathroom shared by four students. Each floor will offer group study rooms and alcoves for one-on-one studying and socializing. A computer laboratory, game room, and large living rooms will be located on the first floor to create a community center for residents. The state-of-the-art building will also include the University's Residence Life administrative offices and campus-wide meeting space on the first floor.



CCSU President Jack Miller said, "This is a perfect example of the connectivity between the campus and its students. This allows us to increase our ability to recruit new students while at the same time, freeing up space to move students out of older residence halls so that we may renovate them in the future."

DAS Commissioner Donald DeFronzo said, "This is the third project we've launched here at CCSU since 2011, and we're not done yet," he said, noting the school will soon begin

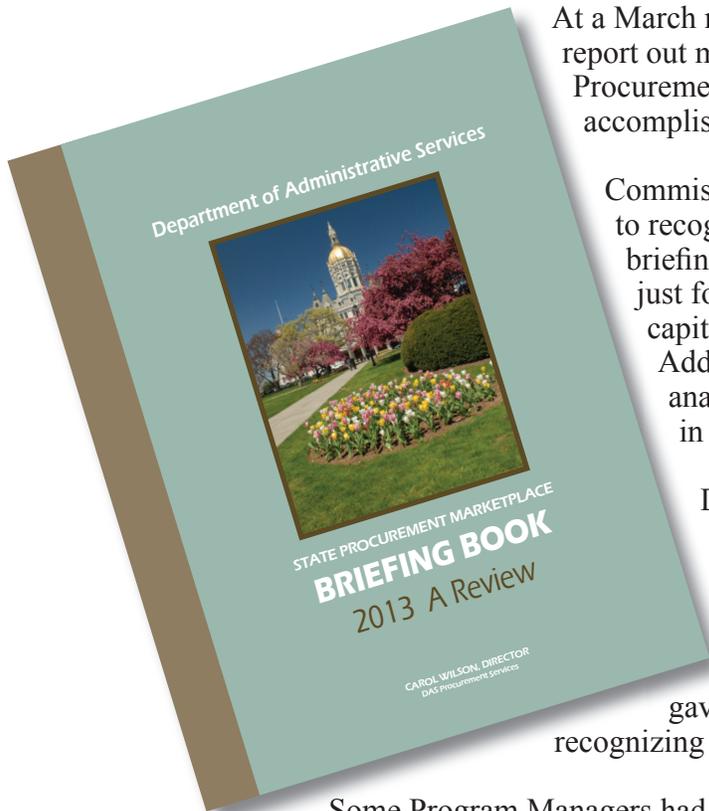
working on a new dining hall. "I know Governor Malloy sees this as the perfect melding of attracting new students to the campus, while training and educating these students for a promising professional future here in Connecticut."



The Connecticut Department of Administrative Services, Division of Construction Services is the state's primary department for executive and judicial branch construction-related services; administration of the state school construction grants program; and development, administration and training of state building and fire safety codes.

# Procurement Report Out

by John McKay



At a March meeting, the DAS Procurement Office hosted their annual report out meeting to highlight the past year's successes. Each year DAS Procurement compiles a briefing book which highlights each division's accomplishments.

Commissioner DeFronzo was there to congratulate the unit and to recognize and appreciate all the work over the past year. "The briefing book you've compiled has a lot of useful information not just for me, but this will also be seen by legislators at the State capitol. This will give them insight into state procurement. Additionally you've done an amazing job explaining cost-savings analysis and economic impact data which gives us hard numbers in savings and contracting statistics," said the Commissioner.

DAS Procurement Director Carol Wilson added that "2013 was a year to remember, but regardless of the barriers, DAS Procurement continually produces quality work and continues to 'get things done.'"

Following the introduction, each Program Manager then gave short overviews of their unit's accomplishments while recognizing and thanking their staff for their past year of work.

Some Program Managers had some fun with their coworkers. Carlos Velez and his group made a "Jeopardy" like game out of their presentation – quizzing the audience on topics from the P-Card Program to Surplus.

Tina Costanzo summarized her unit's whole year into a heartfelt and sometimes funny poem citing the hard work and amusing anecdotes that can come from her office.

At the end of the presentation, Deputy Commissioner Martin Anderson acknowledged, "Getting together to celebrate successes is just as important as the hard work we do each and every day. It's a simple way to acknowledge and value staff while sharing their results."

## DAS Blood Drive

The March 27 DAS Blood Drive in the State Office building yielded 39 pints of blood! Although all donations are greatly appreciated the need for blood rises daily. Our original goal was for 51 pints which we fell short on.

***Each pint of blood can save up to three lives - your donation is critical.*** Please consider giving at the next Blood drive on **Wednesday, May 28**. Information will be made available as the date gets closer.



*Jeff Beckham, Director of Communications gets ready to donate blood --this will be his 68th pint donated.*

# New Data Center

by John McKay



On Wednesday April 2, Governor Dannel P. Malloy, joined by state Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Commissioner Donald DeFronzo, state Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) Catherine Smith, Head of Pfizer Pharmatherapeutics R&D Rod MacKenzie, PhD, representatives from Connecticut's bioscience research organizations, and other state and local officials, announced that an agreement has been reached to put two vacant buildings on Pfizer's Groton campus back into productive reuse as a bioscience innovation center for Connecticut United for Research Excellence (CURE) and as a new DAS/BEST state data center.

"This agreement is great news for Groton and the surrounding region, and the culmination of months of negotiations between Pfizer, CURE and DAS that, in the end, will provide an economic boost in southeastern Connecticut," said Governor Malloy.



Pfizer will donate Building 286 to CURE for the development of CURE Innovation Commons, a technology incubator that will serve as a hub for entrepreneurs, scientists and start-up and growing businesses alike.

Pfizer will lease Building 230 to DAS/BEST which will house the state's new data center at a rental rate of \$1 per year, which will save the state millions annually.

"The state's new IT data center will support the critical work of some 50,000 state personnel whose work is highly dependent on the smooth and reliable operation of the state's IT network, including public safety related functions," said DAS Commissioner Donald DeFronzo. "We require a disaster recovery facility where the IT systems and data are backed up and readily available in the event of a catastrophe, allowing Connecticut to re-position its disaster recovery capabilities and providing significant advantages to the state. The challenge of finding a new site for the Connecticut Data Center has been a long and difficult one, but today is a result of a plan that allows DAS to meet its statewide IT objectives, in alignment with the goals of our sister state agency, the DECD, and in partnership with Pfizer."

In addition, the state itself will become a major user of Pfizer's excess space. The state has been looking for a data center for some time, and this facility will provide an ideal location above hurricane level surge and with all of the necessary safety measures, saving taxpayers millions of dollars each year in building and real estate costs.

It is expected that rental income from tenants, fees or sponsorships from use of the building's facilities, as well as partnerships from supporters will cover the building's operating costs and create a sustainable business model that will help to spur Connecticut bioscience entrepreneurship and economic development in the region. CURE Innovation Commons will open after initial renovations are complete, which is expected to occur by September 1, 2014 and it is anticipated that the facility will be fully operational by July 1, 2015.

# New E-Gov Contract

by John McKay

DAS/BEST announced in January 2014 that it has a signed agreement with NIC Inc., the dominant provider of official eGovernment services, to provide self-funded eGovernment solutions and manage the state's official web portal, [www.ct.gov](http://www.ct.gov). The three-year agreement also includes renewal options that the state can exercise to extend the contract to 2020.

“Online government services with a mobile-enabled approach are no longer the exception, but the expectation,” said Mark Raymond, Chief Information Officer for the state of Connecticut. “We are excited about this partnership that will allow us to deliver the eGovernment innovation that Connecticut's citizens and businesses expect and deserve.”

The State of Connecticut awarded this contract to Connecticut Interactive (CI) for the development of eGovernment services. The contract enables CI's local staff to work with agencies to leverage the latest technology, tools, and techniques to develop innovative online services for state agencies, boards and quasi-government entities. These resources supplement agency staff to build upon the core expertise of each group. Further, this contract was competitively bid through the State's procurement process, giving agencies statewide the ability to engage CI without separate RFPs or procurement process.

CI's goal and primary focus is to positively transform the relationship and interactions between citizens and government by using web based applications to improve methods for users to obtain information and more efficiently deliver services while reducing costs. The State identified particular needs for the partnership within the RFP. These initial and key deliverables include:

- **CT.gov Redesign** - Use of best practices, intuitive navigation, responsive design and an enterprise Content Management System
- **Business Portal** – Create a centralized grouping of services within CT.gov which focus on enhancing and facilitating interactions between business and government
- **Customer Billing** – develop an electronic service for DMV contractors

Developing eGovernment services for more than 20 years, NIC is the largest provider of official government web sites, online services and secure payment-processing solutions for state and local governments across the United States. This new partnership between the State and CI, will facilitate an eGovernment program that further benefits by receiving access to NIC's library of more than 9,700 eGovernment services and nearly 150 native mobile solutions.

## DAS BEST Employee of the Month

by Mark Raymond

Mark Raymond, Chief Information Officer of BEST announced, “The BEST Employee of the Month for April 2014 is **Don Heft**. Thank you Don for all that you do. And thank you to all DAS/BEST employees for serving our agencies and the state.”

Dean Myshrall of BEST had this to say about Don, “Don Heft is the lead SQL Server Database Administrator for DAS/BEST customers. Don provides excellent service designing our enterprise SQL server clusters and our upcoming SQL Server Reporting System (SSRS) and SQL Server Analytics System/ Data Warehouse (SSAS/ DW) platforms, providing reduced costs, the ability to upgrade software easily, and for seamless growth expansion. Don excels in his ability to interface with the DAS/BEST technical staff and our customer base.”

Raymond added, “Many of you might be thinking ‘Wait, what happened to March?’ The short answer is - it disappeared among data center moves, building moves, and staffing turnover. Sorry about that. I am not sure if we will be able to continue with the highly coveted parking spot in the new building, but we will continue the efforts to recognize our people moving forward.”

# Black History Celebration by Nina Ritson

On Friday, February 21 a number of state agencies gathered in the Phoenix Room of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection at 55 Elm Street for the 13th Annual Black History Month Celebration. The celebration, enjoyed in its new venue, allowed for better visibility of presenters as well as the ceremonial stamp unveiling and granted the guest performers a great stage on which to perform. This year's Black History stamp paid special tribute to Shirley Chisholm (1924 - 2005) who served 14 years in the Congress and was the first black woman to run for the Presidency.

The ceremony was opened by the Master of Ceremonies, Lisa Davis, Deputy Commissioner of Department of Public Health, followed by the Negro National Anthem sung by Carrie Trimmier-McCroy. Former State Treasurer Joseph Suggs gave a tribute to former Department of Public Works employee Reggie Smith.

Following a moment of silence offered by Security Officer Len Glasser, Commissioners and directors spoke to the crowd of about 200: Executive Director Glenn A. Cassis, African-American Affairs Commission; Commissioner Donald DeFronzo, DAS; Commissioner Robert Klee, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Commissioner Jewel Mullen, Department of Public Health; Commissioner Stefan Pryor, State Department of Education, Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky; Department of Agriculture, Commissioner William M. Rubenstein, Department of Consumer Protection; and Deputy Commissioner Bud Salemi, DAS.



Leeann Theriault, U.S. Postmaster of Hartford then unveiled the new Shirley Chisholm postage stamp featuring a retro 1970's era depiction of the powerful Congresswoman who was known for her moral character and independent spirit and her presidential campaign slogan, "Unbought and unbossed"!



The Journey African Dancers choreographed a Tribute to Nelson Mandela on stage, followed by a very young speaker, Shandel Samuels, who is an honors student at the Jumoke Academy in Hartford.

After the ceremony everyone enjoyed a box lunch of BBQ, fried or roasted chicken, candied sweet potatoes, macaroni and cheese and collard greens along with a beverage and cake.

Special thanks to the Black History Month committee for another fine ceremony: Mary Taylor, Chairperson; Holly Maurice, Secretary; Candace Madison, Coordinator of Catering; Glenda Rollins, Coordinator of Vendors; and Andrea Wadowski, Graphic Designer; Cathy Abadom, Michele McGinley, Len Glasser, Tara Talbert, Maxine Lewis, Felicia Canty and Tanya Washington.



# Say Hello to the Office of Education and Data Management

by Bonnie Becker

On March 10th, the Office of Education and Data Management (OEDM) moved from State Police (DESPP) Headquarters in Middletown to 165 Capitol Avenue, Room 431. Since its inception 16 years ago, OEDM has been part of the Department of Public Safety, later consolidated into the Department of Construction Services in 2011, and most recently the Department of Administrative Services in 2013.

Who are we? OEDM falls under the auspices of the Division of Construction Services, Division of School and State Construction Support Services, which is directed by Craig Russell. The unit is comprised of two Training Program Supervisors (Bonnie Becker and Douglas Schanne), Trainers (Michael Gilbertie, Gary Thorstenson and Jim Quish), a Research Analyst CCT (Michael Fullerton), and Processing Technicians (Maria Baez, Lisa Rochester and Norma Ruiz). Lisa joined OEDM on March 21, from DAS' Office of School Facilities.

What do we do? OEDM trains and licenses Building Code and Fire Officials, and provides code-related instruction to individuals in the allied trade professions. The unit works in tandem with the Office of State Fire Marshal and the Office of the State Building Inspector, and carries out their statutory charge to develop and teach code curricula. OEDM also administers the Federally and State mandated National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) for Connecticut, managing data from all 256 fire jurisdictions in the state, and Burn Injury Reporting for all Connecticut health care providers.



Individuals who wish to become licensed Building Inspectors or certified Fire Officials must pass qualifying exams which are developed and administered through OEDM. Prior to admittance to an exam, preparatory training programs are offered in both content areas. These programs run from 18 days to 60 days, depending on the accreditation desired.

Once licensure or certification is achieved, Building and Fire Officials are required by statute to earn continuing education credits to maintain accreditation. OEDM develops annual training calendars based on new codes and high-priority topics. Last year, OEDM registered, trained and credited approximately 7,500 individuals through 100 training seminars and two major conferences.

Now that they are here stop by and see their new offices!

## People are talking..... by Cindy Rusczyk

Nancy Pierce from BEST wanted to “thank **Bernard O’Donnell** and **John McKay** for the very nice article regarding the telecom cost savings! As Bernie knows we work very hard, leaving no stone unturned, to find as much savings as possible. Debbie, Janice and Barry at Partner Consulting have been a great team to work with. But what the article missed, due to Bernie’s modesty, was the number of years Bernie relentlessly pursued the approval of this project, never stopping until the answer came back ‘yes, do it!’ Bernie’s persistence is why the State has now saved over \$2M. Thank you Bernie!”

Alicia Nunez reported that the Disability Employment Awareness Month (DEAM) Job Fair was a huge success. Both DAS and the CT State Library for the Blind had job seekers lined up to speak to us. The total number of attendees was 328, and the total number of employers/booths was 30. Just wanted to say a “special thanks” to **Deb Mainville** for all of her support, and **Francine Dew**, the new chart to help people navigate through our jobs site was very helpful!”

John McKay of DAS Communications would like to “thank **everyone** who brought in food and made monetary donations for the Governor’s Care & Share food drive. A ‘Big Thank You’ to **Dean Myshrall** who coordinated donations at BEST as well as **Fred Yopp** who helped with the delivery of goods to the drop off-site.”

Director of Communications Diana Lejardi from the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood sent the following message to **Angela Taetz**: “I just wanted to drop you a quick note to thank you and your staff for helping the Office of Early Childhood launch our website. Creating a website from scratch is never easy, and **Mario Mezzio** and **Margie Hasen** were very knowledgeable and patient with us throughout the whole process. They were always very quick and responsive and provided exemplary service, catering to the needs of our agency and developing a website that is not only attractive, but user-friendly. I think it’s important for you to know

*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](mailto:Cindy.Rusczyk@ct.gov) Don’t be shy - good work deserves a good word- DAS employees are the best!*

what a great job they’re doing (although I’m sure you already know) and wanted to express my thanks.”

Procurement Director Carol Wilson “got a nice call from John McKay in the Communications Office letting me know how helpful **Cindy Milardo** was in a late day inquiry about flu vaccines from the Governor’s office. Apparently there’s a new company in CT that produces flu vaccines, and Cindy took the time to give the details of how the contract works, etc. Thanks Cindy!”

Arthur DiCesare from A. DiCesare Associates commended **Meg Yetishefsky** and “greatly appreciates your efforts and the efforts of your office toward an expeditious and timely review of our re-certification application. Our firm has been a beneficiary of Connecticut’s Supplier Diversity Program since our inception. We look forward to be of continued service throughout the State. Thank you very much.”

John McKay and DAS Communications would like to thank **Don Poulin** and **his staff** for providing a podium and other equipment necessary for events hosted by the Governor. “The notices we receive can equal a very quick turnaround time, but Don and his staff always handle it quickly and professionally. Thank you Don and your staff,” said McKay.

Anna Tara “wants to send a huge thank you to **Karen Soucy** for assisting me with a large request of 30 mobile smart phones for the DAS Division of Construction Services. Karen worked with me to get all the smart phones configured and running for the users in DCS. Her help and idea’s made this process run a lot faster. Thank you Karen for all your help! You’re the best!”

# Tony Calabrese Photos on Display by Nina Ritson



Every other year DAS/DCS celebrates their latest construction projects in an exhibit of photographs on display along the concourse of the Legislative Office Building, and this year the show is spectacular! From March 17 to March 28 over 30 images of recent state construction projects were on display in the Legislative Office Building corridor.

The projects are very impressive - all the hard work of the construction team in the Division of Construction Services and the photography is stunning!

The matted and framed photographs are the work of photographer Tony Calabrese of DAS Communications. "These photographs show the many projects that are near or fully completed over the last two years," said Calabrese. It has been interesting going out to all these campuses and shooting the finished structure. I usually get to see the renderings early on and it is always fun to see the job when it is all done and the landscaping is in. Many of these are very impressive like Gateway Community College. The building was so massive I could not show the entire face of the school." He also recalled photographing the new DPH Health Lab in Rocky Hill, "The new lab is very impressive, with a huge footprint. I walked quite a bit to get many angles of that building."



After March 30 the photographs may be viewed on the walls of the Division of Construction Services in the State Office Building.

Linda Piotrowicz of the Office of Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky Connecticut Department of Agriculture sent this message to **Mike Guimond** and his staff, **Alex Caceres** and **Matt Costa** of DAS Central Printing: "Thanks for all you do. I don't say it enough, but I really appreciate how hard you and your staff work and the great job you do for us."

Commissioner DeFronzo and DAS Communications would like to thank **Jerry Bouchard** and **Gary Faraci** from DAS Trades for all their help in setting up the necessary equipment for Governor Malloy's press conference in Groton on April 2.

## COMINGS and GOINGS

### NEW EMPLOYEES:

**Doreen Wright** – Collection Services  
**Shane Hubeny** – Business Office  
**Judy-Ann Staple-Stewart** – Business Office  
**Bryan Jorge** – Procurement  
**Michael Baczewski** – Procurement  
**Cindy Ann Martin** – Statewide HR  
**Jonna Lynn Deegan** – BEST  
**Alan Schenck** – BEST  
**Andrea Clarke** – Statewide HR Management  
**Matthew Cronin** – Statewide HR Management  
**Amanda Nattinger** – Fleet Operations  
Wethersfield & Hartford  
**Lineida Torres** – Fleet Operations New Haven

### TRANSFERS:

**Noel Pinnock** – SmART Payroll - January

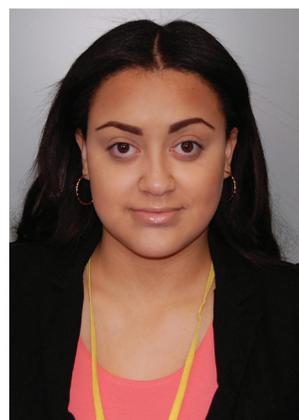
### RETIREMENTS:

**Barbara L. Jenec** – Collection Services – January  
**Susan H. Lopes** – Collection Services - February  
**Robert E. Warren, Jr.** – Mail and Courier –  
February  
**William F. Katzer** – BEST – April  
**Steve Casey** – BEST – April  
**Louis Bombaci Jr.** – Properties and Facilities  
Management - April  
**Dian Dickenson** – Properties and Facilities  
Management – January  
**Jeanne Lee** – BEST - May  
**Elizabeth Collins** – State Marshal Commission -  
April  
**A. David Lynch** – Construction Services – March



*Pictured left to right, from top to bottom:*

*Lou Bombaci, Jr., Steve Casey, Elizabeth Collins, Dian Dickenson, Barbara Jenec, Jeanne Lee, Susan Lopes, A. David Lynch, William Katzer.*



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