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PPE Update for State Agencies

DAS Procurement is acutely aware of the needs within certain state agencies for personal protective equipment (PPE), including masks, gowns, and gloves. The supply chain is somewhat disrupted and some normal sources of PPE supply (including state contract suppliers) are having difficulty delivering product or are unable to deliver as they have in the past, due to shortages, export challenges, and other reasons.

Because PPE resources are limited, we urge you all to conserve the use of these products. Currently, the State's Emergency Support Function Team (ESF-7) has served as a bridge when an entity has a critically low supply and, for now, will continue to provide PPE to state agencies.

At some point the DAS/Procurement team, working closely with the ESF-7 team and other executive leaders, will determine when it's possible for agencies to order their own PPE; however, we ask for your patience and continue to use the WebEOC resource request process for these items (masks, gowns, gloves) until further notice. We will update you regularly, through Buylines, when these PPE ordering processes change. Demand far exceeds the available supply on certain PPE products, but rest assured that DAS (in conjunction ESF-7) is working to obtain PPE from all available sources, including private industry manufacturers and retailers.

For agencies looking for industrial cleaning supplies, disinfectants and other related products to keep your facility and staff safe, those products are becoming more readily available, and we ask that you work closely with the DAS Contract Specialist, Rob Zalucki, along with the Cleaning Supply Contractors to order your own cleaning products.

A link to those contracts is included below:

Cleaners: https://biznet.ct.gov/SCP_Search/ContractDetail.aspx?ID=15294

Industrial and maintenance supplies: https://biznet.ct.gov/SCP_Search/ContractDetail.aspx?ID=19907

DAS/Procurement will continue to update you through Buylines as this evolving situation changes.

Do not hesitate to reach out to our Contract Specialists as needed at 860-713-5095.

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State Contracting Portal Update

During the Fall of 2020, DAS Procurement will be transitioning from the current State Contracting Portal (Biznet) to a new sourcing system, called CTsource. This new system will be very similar to the current State Contracting Portal, but will give agency users the ability to receive submissions 100% online and will have enhanced public features for searching solicitations and contract.

More information will be shared later this summer (through Buylines) on what's in store for you. In the meantime, the current State Contracting Portal is still up and running for your solicitation/contracting posting requirements (per CGS 4e-13).

Contracts Awarded over the last 14 Days

Click on the category to see the contract
Adobe Acrobat Required

20PSX0081 Cloud Solution for Telephone Services for DPH

Don't forget DAS' Small and Minority Owned Companies

The DAS State Supplier Diversity program targets at least 25% of the state's business be transacted with small businesses including those owned by minorities, women and the disabled. To participate, fill out an application with the Department of Administrative Services. Once certified, you can bid on contracts covered by the program as well as all other state contracts.

[Learn more about the State Supplier Diversity program by visiting our webpage.](#)

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Business Continues in the Virtual World

On May 28, the DAS Supplier Diversity Unit held its first virtual matchmaking event.

“The show must go on,” said DAS Program Manager Meg Yetishefsky. “We are committed to helping Connecticut small business regardless of the ‘new normal’ we are all working in right now.”

The Virtual Business Matchmaker Attendance consisted of 160 Small Businesses, 11 Primes Contractors and 13 Resource Partners (including DAS who also co organized the event).

The Prime Contractors involved were:

- Colt’s Manufacturing Company
- General Dynamics
- Electric Boat
- Sikorsky - a Lockheed Martin Company
- Connecticut Airport Authority
- Cianbro Corporation
- VASE Management LLC7
- PAC Group
- Methuen Construction
- US Postal Service
- US GSA: Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSBDU)



“It was very different than the typical in-person matchmaking event, but it was very successful,” said Meg.

Survey feedback results have the DAS Supplier Diversity Program considering doing more virtual matchmaking events. The idea to do an August event focusing on municipalities and possibly another event in October.

If you would like more information on DAS Supplier Diversity Program please email Program Director Meg. Yetishefsky@ct.gov