



BuyLines

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OCTOBER 2020

DAS Highlighted in NASPO Pandemic Procurement Tribute

The Connecticut Department of Administrative Services Procurement office was highlighted for its Coronavirus pandemic response during the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) Annual Conference, September 16, 2020.

The Pandemic Procurement Excellence (PPE) project, offered in place of the George R. Cronin Award for Public Procurement Excellence, showcased states' responses to the pandemic declaration and the work of the central procurement office to meet the needs of the states' citizens. The submissions reveal the challenges the central procurement office faced in the early days of the pandemic and feature the exceptional, ongoing work done by staff.

DAS Procurement Director Carol Wilson said, "Connecticut along with other states across the country was confronted with incredible challenges due to the Coronavirus crisis. While it was a hectic few months of finding legitimate sources for PPE and verifying those vendors, our office adjusted and adapted quickly to the new procurement world. I'm incredibly proud of our procurement team as well as DAS Commissioner Josh Geballe and Governor Ned Lamont for providing the professionalism and leadership needed during this incredible time."

CT was one of the hardest hit states in the country, and most staff intimately knew individuals impacted. Multiple colleagues were hospitalized and fighting for their lives. As one staff member highlighted, "This wasn't just a hypothetical exercise. We were doing this for our colleagues, our families, and our neighbors."

For business and philanthropic leaders eager to help source PPE, DAS Procurement offered an outlet for partnership. For small businesses out of work due to stay at home orders, DAS Procurement helped to empower companies to change their business models, retool, and ultimately transform the state's supply chain.

CT took a range of innovative steps to effectively procure critical goods and services while ensuring proper controls remained in place to prevent fraud and abuse. The following activities highlight some of the most crucial efforts:

continued...

Reverse Auction

Award Winner

Vending Machines

Contracts Awarded

Propane Contacts



▶ ***Bid Notice Postings***

▶ ***Contact Us***

DAS and NASPO continued

- Implemented a systematized process to vet and source PPE.
- Created an interactive dashboard to inform PPE reporting.
- Drafted Executive Orders issued by the Governor to streamline procurement processes.
- Established longer-term supply chains and support new service areas.
- Partnered with other state agencies to transform how critical supplies were delivered across the state

A tribute video highlighting the pandemic effort was shown at the NASPO Annual Conference and is now available [on the NASPO website](#). Additionally, all stories submitted, either through video or a written statement, are included on the website.

You can view the tribute shared at the Annual Conference [here](#). For additional information on the Procurement Pandemic Excellence (PPE) project, or to view the full written and video submissions, please visit the NASPO website.

DAS Supplier Diversity Program wins award!

Last week, the DAS Supplier Diversity Program won the “Top Corporation for Disability-Owned Business and Service-Disabled Veteran Disability-Owned Businesses” award from Disability:IN.

The award is presented to the corporation or government agency that has demonstrated outstanding inclusion of Disability:IN Connecticut certified disability-owned businesses (including



businesses owned by service disabled veterans), and demonstrated commitment to disability business inclusion in their supply chain processes and corporate supplier diversity programs.

DAS Procurement Director Carol Wilson said, “Congratulations to Program Manager Meg Yetishefsky and the entire Supplier Diversity team in receiving the Disability:IN Connecticut Supply Chain Diversity Award! The Supplier Diversity team quietly makes a difference each day for many small and minority businesses including those small businesses who are owned by persons with disabilities. Keep up the great work and advocacy for these companies! Thank you!”

“I’m really proud of what we do here in the Supplier Diversity Program,” said Meg. “Helping ALL businesses do business with the state and be successful all while contributing to our state’s economy is incredibly rewarding. Thank you to the entire Supplier Diversity Team this award is a testament to your dedication and commitment to the work you do each and every day.”

more...

Reverse auction means savings on computers, monitors and laptops

DAS/Procurement Division collaborated with BEST in holding another reverse auction event to achieve better pricing off Contract Award 13PSX0280, Minnesota NASPO ValuePoint Computer Equipment.

EASi Buy reached out to three contracted vendors, Dell, Lenovo and HP, Inc. to train and get them prepared for the event. The auction was held on August 27, 2020 and lasted for approximately two hours. The reverse auction pricing is good from August 28, 2020 through February 28, 2021.

Some items on the reverse auction include:

●Dell Latitudes 531- 2 – in- 1 ●HP Chrome book ●Lenovo standard desktop ●standard and adjustable monitors with different sizes to choose ●thin client VDI terminals ●warranty packages. Accessories include: ●external DVD r/w drive ●mouse ●keyboard ●docking station ●carry case or backpack ●pc webcam ●headset.

There were over 252 bids that occurred during this reverse auction with results of an estimated savings of \$150,000.

For additional information contact Contract Specialist Janet DelGreco Olson at janet.delgreco@ct.gov .

Vending Machine Transition Update and Contact Information

PepsiCo was recently awarded a 5-year partnership with the Connecticut Department of Aging and Disability



PEPSI BEVERAGES COMPANY

Services for the placement of

vending machines in State, municipal or Federal buildings in accordance with the Federal Randolph-Sheppard Act and CGS 10-303. Pepsi is working diligently to convert all existing snack and beverage machines over to Pepsi.

Unfortunately, there has been some delay due to unforeseen circumstances such as account closures, limited contact information, removal of existing equipment and scheduling conflicts. As leaders in our industry, we are doing everything possible to provide you with the highest quality service you deserve. If you have any questions about your equipment installation, please contact us at the email address referenced below.

- For beverage machine requests, please email us at PBCBESB@pepsico.com
- For snack machine requests, please email service@servomation.com

As always, thank you for your continued support and patience during this transition period.

more...

Contracts Awarded over the last 14 Days

*Click on the category to see the contract
Adobe Acrobat Required*

20PSX0085

Liquid Magnesium Chloride & Road Salt for
Snow and Ice Control for the 2020/2021 Winter
Season

Don't forget DAS' Small and Minority Owned Companies

The DAS Supplier Diversity Program, also known as the Set-Aside Program, assists Connecticut Small And Minority Businesses (SBE/MBE) to identify business opportunities for improved economic growth. The Program is also charged with establishing and administering the process for certification of Connecticut SBE/MBE companies.

To Search our database of SBE/MBE companies, use this link: <https://biznet.ct.gov/SDSearch/SDSearch.aspx>

Updated Contact information for Contract 18PSX0149 - Propane Services

When placing orders for propane services related to Contract 18PSX0149, client agencies are advised to contact Amerigas at the following Call Center Number:

National Accounts Customer Care Line: 888-528-9475

Option 1 for emergency, Option 2 for delivery, Option 3 for equipment/repair

Amerigas main contact if required:

Government Account Manager, Dawn Stevenson

AmeriGas, National Accounts

Phone: 610-304-1620 - Email: dawn.stevenson@amerigas.com