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Commissioner's Corner



I am pleased to send you the second edition of DAS Newsline; your place for the latest Department of Administrative Services news! Each month we will be updating you about DAS initiatives and our work to support state agency, municipal, and community partners.

Since our last message, DAS employees have been busy organizing a highly successful digital summit, implementing sustainable initiatives, rolling out the next phase of school HVAC grants, and much more.

Improving Indoor Air Quality in our Schools



[*View the Press Release Here!*](#)

On September 8, 2023, Governor Ned Lamont, DAS Commissioner Michelle Gilman, agency partners, and key stakeholders announced the opening of applications for \$244 million toward the second round of grant funding dedicated to supporting upgrades for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems in Connecticut public schools.

[Learn More Here!](#)



Commissioner Gilman talks about the upgrades and applications towards HVAC systems in Connecticut Schools on NBC's Face the Facts.

[View the interview here!](#)

CT Digital Summit was a Success!

On Thursday, September 7th, DAS co-hosted the 7th annual CT Digital Government Summit with partner Government

Technology. Governor Ned Lamont welcomed over 350 people. Many thanks to CIO Mark Raymond and the BITS team for organizing this successful, informative event which showcased issues ranging from AI, Cybersecurity and more...



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Digital Government Summit

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[Click Here for additional details of the event!](#)

Staff the Front Lines



Governor Ned Lamont, Commissioner Gilman, and Deputy Commissioner Hermes participated in a major hiring event at Hartford Yard Goats Dunkin' Stadium, where job seekers met with representatives from city departments, state agencies and local employers. The event, organized by AFSCME Council 4, was entitled "Staff the Front Lines" and focused on the urgent need to fill open public service positions throughout the state. Be on the lookout for our recruitment teams at a high school, college, or hiring event near you!

Green Initiative: First Net-Zero Energy Building



Above: The new School of Business building at Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU).

[More Details Here!](#)

Commissioner Gilman, Deputy Commissioner Hobbs, and members of the Real Estate and Construction Services team recently celebrated the opening of the new School of Business Building at Southern Connecticut State University. The new building was a joint effort between DAS and SCSU and is one of the first constructed by the State of Connecticut that will be Net Zero Energy (NZE) in terms of its carbon footprint. All of the electricity required is being produced using the Photo Voltaic cells and the building heating and cooling is being provided using geothermal wells. Construction was in line with the state's climate reduction goals and Governor Lamont's [Executive Order 21-3](#), which aims to reduce carbon emissions and enhance sustainable practices across state agencies.

Visit the Big E!



Visiting the Big E? Don't forget to stop by the Connecticut building. Did you know for decades, DAS has played a major role in maintenance, upkeep, setup and renovation of the state-owned Connecticut building. With help from our sister agencies, the Dept. of Economic and Community Development and the Dept. of Agriculture the final finishing touches were put in place. Come check it out!

The Big E runs from [September 15th to October 1st, 2023!](#)

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