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NASPO video highlights the incredible work of DAS Procurement

Earlier this month the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) put out a video highlighting the struggle states faced when it came to acquiring PPE equipment during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic.

NASPO is a non-profit association dedicated to advancing public procurement through leadership, excellence, and integrity. It is made up of the directors of the central purchasing offices in each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia and the territories of the United States.

NASPO helps its members achieve success as public procurement leaders through promotion of best practices, education, professional development, research, and innovative procurement strategies.



“Many thanks to Governor Lamont and Commissioner Geballe for contributing to this video,” said DAS Procurement Director Carol Wilson. “And many, many thanks to the DAS Procurement team for coming together and working together during this unprecedented time during the height of the pandemic. We have an amazing, dedicated team here at DAS and I’m so proud of all of you.”

[Here is a link to the NASPO video surrounding the state’s response to PPE.](#)

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DAS Supplier Diversity to launch new reporting tool for state agencies

The DAS Supplier Diversity unit, in conjunction with DAS/BEST, the CORE-CT Supply Chain Team, and the OPM STARS Team, have worked to develop a new reporting tool. These teams have worked for the past eight months with the Supplier Diversity unit to create this new tool which will provide state agencies with the ability to capture and report S/MBE spending quickly and efficiently.

“One of Commissioner Geballe’s biggest objectives for DAS, and the state as a whole, is to use technology as much as we can to better our services and programs. I think this is our way of contributing to this ideal. I’d like to thank everyone at DAS/BEST and CORE-CT for all their help and time dedicated to making this new tool a reality,” said Supplier Diversity Program manager Meg Yetishefsky.

We are offering Microsoft Teams training on this new reporting tool over the next few weeks. Please see the schedule below.

Monday, September 28, 2020 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
Wednesday, September 30, 2020 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
Friday, October 2, 2020 1:00 PM 2:30 PM
Monday, October 5, 2020 1:00 PM 2:30 PM
Wednesday, October 7, 2020 1:00 PM 2:30 PM
Friday, October 9, 2020 1:00 PM 2:30 PM

If you would like to register for training, [please use this link to find your specific agency training coordinator.](#)

Exploring CTsource: An Overview of Connecticut’s new e-sourcing solution

CTsource has arrived and the Department of Administrative Services, Procurement Division is excited to invite you to join our guided virtual tour of Connecticut’s brand-new e-sourcing system. Attendees will be led through key system features and new capabilities! Register today for the DAS guided virtual training event using the link below.

[Exploring CTsource: An overview of Connecticut’s new e-sourcing solution](#)

Note: This overview is designed for all former BizNet registered users and is open to state agencies, municipalities and non-profit organizations.

Questions regarding the virtual training event can be submitted to: das.ctsource@ct.gov.



Equipment Maintenance Program - Contract Award Information

DAS/Procurement is pleased to share information on an innovative Equipment Maintenance Program (EMP) with the Remi Group that will help your agency save costs on your equipment maintenance services. Details can be found in the CTsource Contract Board by searching on 19PSX010162AA or Equipment Maintenance. <https://portal.ct.gov/DAS/CTSource/ContractBoard>

The EMP provides maintenance coverage on various types of agency equipment. Typically this coverage is provided through maintenance agreements and service contracts often entered into independently by authorized users. The EMP provider shall be responsible for oversight, administration and coordination of the equipment maintenance and service. Currently, the following equipment is covered under this contract: Maintenance for Fujitsu Scanners for the Department of Labor and all Using State Agencies and Maintenance of Perkin-Elmer Equipment for the Department of Health.

The EMPs pricing offers up to 27% discount from current equipment vendor's maintenance contract costs. A big savings for your agency!

Client Agencies can choose one (1) of two options for their services:

Option 1: Direct: If the Client Agency chooses this option they will create and maintain a direct relationship with their preferred service vendor, they may call them directly when equipment is in need of maintenance/repair and coordinate the service. Please see page 5 of [7900021988can.pdf](#) for additional information.

Option 2: Service Management System: If the Client Agency prefers to have The Remi Group, LLC handle all of the outsourcing of tasks by contacting, scheduling, tracking and following up with the Client Agency preferred vendors for service calls. This option is of no charge to the Client Agency. Please see page 5 of [7900021988can.pdf](#) for additional information.

Exhibit B: Refer to Exhibit B, Price Schedule, for the individual Client Agencies utilizing the contract for pricing.

Additional questions about the contract/program should be directed to the following:

- For Fujitsu Scanners – Janet DelGreco Olson, Contract Specialist, 860.713.8079 janet.delgreco@ct.gov
- For Perkin Elmer Equipment – Arlene Watson-Paulin, Contract Specialist, 860.713.5237 arlene.watson-paulin@ct.gov

We encourage you to start saving money on all your equipment maintenance needs through this Contract.

Remi's Contractor contact information: For inquiries regarding what Remi does, how to get started using Remi, please contact: Chris Klein, Business Development Executive – 704-877-2756
Chris.Klein@theremigroup.com www.theremigroup.com

Contracts Awarded over the last 14 Days

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

Visit our CTsource Contract Board

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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**Save the date:
Small Businesses**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2
8AM - 2:30PM

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SEPTEMBER 8, 2020**

Join us for an interactive, virtual experience at the CT Business Matchmaker from the comfort of your office this year!

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Network with other small businesses by video or chat, either individually or by joining topic-specific conversations. Enjoy speakers, access to resource partners, and more.

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