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NASPO Annual Conference
September 24-27 2007
Savannah, GA

Registration Now Open!

WSCA Cooperative Development
Conference December 4-7 2007
San Diego, CA

NASPO Publications

2007 Survey of State
Government Purchasing
Practices CD
Now Available!

2007 NASPO Supplier Guide
*The 2007 Supplier Guide is THE
source for the latest information on
how to do business with state
governments.*

State & Local Government
Purchasing Practices and
Principles

*A companion piece to the Survey of
State Government Purchasing
Practices, this publication offers
many insights to policies and
procedures followed by government
purchasers as well as new
techniques and methods being
implemented*

Member News

Top Stories

- In the news: What's going on in federal/state/local procurement
- NASPO Celebrates 60 Years of Excellence

NASPO Celebrates 60 Years of Excellence

The 2007 NASPO Annual Meeting is set to occur September 24-27 and this year the association will be celebrating 60 years of excellence in the procurement profession. In honor of this notable achievement, NASPO is offering special incentives for members to attend this year's meeting. For complete details about this year's conference and to register, please visit the NASPO website. We hope to see you there!

Federal/State/Local Procurement News

Group pushing anti-affirmative action amendment sues -

Backers of an anti-affirmative action measure that would end race and gender preferences in Missouri state contracting have filed a lawsuit against the Secretary of State over the language that would appear on the ballot. Missouri Civil Rights Initiative, a group that is undertaking a petition drive to get the proposed constitutional amendment on the 2008 ballot, filed the suit in Cole County Circuit Court. ([News Tribune](#))

EPEAT-Approved Computers Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions

- A report by the Green Electronics Council concludes that the purchase of more than 36.56 million EPEAT registered desktop and laptop computers and monitors in 2006 has led to a significant reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. The report – titled “The Environmental Benefits of the Purchase or Sale of EPEAT-Registered Products in 2006” – highlights the environmental benefits of buying computer equipment registered with the Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT). ([GovPro.com](#))

Utah, Wisconsin Are Ahead of the Curve in Mobility Technology Investment

- An assessment of public-sector purchasing behavior identifies Utah and Wisconsin as the “lead investors” in mobility technologies such as laptop computers and BlackBerrys. Utah and Wisconsin are farthest ahead of the curve when it comes to investing in four categories of mobility technologies: Windows notebooks; Apple notebooks; non-wireless-enabled handheld computing devices; and wireless computing devices such as Blackberrys. ([GovPro.com](#))

- New Interim State Procurement Officer, James D. Staton

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Report: Little progress on Katrina contracts - The Bush administration has shown little progress — and in some cases backtracked — on its pledge to do a better job in awarding contracts to small, Gulf Coast businesses for Hurricane Katrina work, a congressional analysis shows. The review of federal contracts from five government agencies, conducted by the House Small Business Committee, is the latest to document missteps in the award of billions of dollars of lucrative government work since the 2005 storm. ([MSNBC.com](#))

Surge in Immigration Laws Around U.S. - State legislatures, grappling with the failure of the federal government to overhaul the [immigration](#) laws, considered 1,404 immigration measures this year and enacted 170 of them, an unprecedented surge in state-level lawmaking on the issue, according to a report by the National Conference of State Legislatures. Spurred by rising resentment in the country over illegal immigration and by the collapse of a broad immigration bill in the Senate in June, state legislators nationwide adopted measures to curb employment of unauthorized immigrants and to make it more difficult for them to obtain state identification documents like driver's licenses. ([New York Times](#))

Air Force Is Top Green Power Purchaser Among Public Entities - Among public entities in the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) most recent Top Green Power Purchasers list, the Air Force flexes the largest green purchasing muscle – purchasing 457.5 million kilowatt-hours of green power per year, according to EPA. ([GovPro.com](#))

States Feel Left Out Of Disaster Planning - A decision by the Bush administration to rewrite in secret the nation's emergency response blueprint has angered state and local emergency officials, who worry that Washington is repeating a series of mistakes that contributed to its bungled response to Hurricane Katrina nearly two years ago. ([The Washington Post](#))

Delaware and Michigan Best in e-Government, Says Brown University Study - Delaware and Michigan are the best states for e-government in the United States, according to the eighth annual e-government analysis conducted by researchers at Brown University. The federal portal USA.gov and the Department of Agriculture are the most highly rated federal sites. ([Washington Technology](#))

Army Major Accused of Accepting Millions in Bribes for DOD Contracts - An Army major, his wife and his sister are facing federal charges stemming from an alleged scheme in which the Army major accepted millions of dollars in bribes –in exchange for Department of Defense contracts in Iraq and Kuwait – and his wife and sister laundered the money. ([GovPro.com](#))

GSA starts second phase of contract streamlining program - The General Services Administration has started the second part of an initiative to speed up the process of awarding schedule contracts, tripling the scope of the program and allowing for electronic submission of offers. The goal of the Multiple Award Schedule Express program is to reduce the time it takes to award companies a place on GSA schedules -- lists of pre-negotiated contracts available for use across government -- to 30 days. It has taken companies as long as 120 days to get on the schedule. ([GovExec.com](#))