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Upcoming NASPO Conferences

WSCA 2008 Cooperative Development Conference
FireSky Resort & Spa
Scottsdale, AZ
December 8-12, 2008
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State and Local Government Procurement: A Practical Guide
Now Available!

2007 Survey of State Government Purchasing Practices CD
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2008 NASPO Supplier Guide
The 2008 Supplier Guide is THE source for the latest information on how to do business with state governments.

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Member News

- Please join NASPO in welcoming its newest members:
 - [Nancy Orton](#) (Utah)
- [Wayne Casper](#) named General Manager for the West Region of the National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance (National IPA)
- NASPO welcomed three new Life Members in St. Louis. Join us in congratulating [Richard Pennington](#), [Paula Moskowitz](#), and [Dick Thompson, Jr.](#)

2008 Annual Meeting Wrap-Up

The 2008 NASPO Annual Meeting in St. Louis was a resounding success! Seventy-three government attendees from forty-two states, along with thirteen Life and Honorary Members attended. NASPO Life Member Jan Hamick was honored with the 2008 Guilio Mazzone Distinguished Service Award.

The [presentations and handouts](#) are now available on the newly designed NASPO website. [Pictures](#) are available by logging in to the site, and new photos have been added in the last several days. [Expense reports](#) are also available for download—please send those to [Julie](#) once they are completed. Finally, if you have photos that you wish to share, please email those to [Nicole](#).

NASPO launches its new website!

The Annual Meeting in St. Louis also saw the debut of the newly redesigned [NASPO website](#). The new site contains a wealth of information, including Committee and Region pages, a new-and-improved cooperatives contract information center, redesigned state profile pages, and much more! We encourage you to take some time to look around and discover all of the new information available. If you require additional "Members-Only" login permissions for your staff, please contact [Nicole](#).

We appreciate your patience as we transition from the old site. If you have any trouble or have questions, feel free to [contact us](#).

State Environmental Purchasing Events

Both Oregon and Massachusetts will be hosting EPP fairs in October. Oregon's [2008 Partners in Public Procurement Educational Conference and Exhibitor Showcase](#) will be held at the Salem Conference Center on October 21st-23rd. Massachusetts' [Annual EPP Vendor Fair and Conference](#) will be held October 7th at the DCU Center in Worcester.

Marketing NASPO Publications

Recently, state members received both hard-copy and electronic postcards advertising NASPO's latest publication [State and Local Government: A Practical Guide](#). Please help NASPO in its marketing campaign. If you have suggestions about marketing avenues, or would like additional marketing materials, please contact [Nicole](#).

Government Procurement News

[Webinar: RPN Member Orientation/ Green Purchasing 101](#) – October 8, 2008 from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. EDT. Get the most out of your RPN membership! This free webinar will give you more information on RPN member benefits and walk you through our website. It's also a great introduction to green purchasing. In this webcast we will: Help you navigate the extensive information in our Responsible Purchasing Guides, show you how to take advantage of RPN affiliate membership, teach you tricks for using our product listings, give you access to industry experts and peers for questions or discussions, inform you about free member resources. There will be a Q & A session at the end of this Webinar. This webinar is free, but [registration](#) is required.

[Georgia Consolidates Procurement](#) – The State of [Georgia's Department of Administrative Services](#) is engaged in a multi-million dollar investment in new procurement technologies and processes that will unite statewide entities into one comprehensive buying consortium. The state's decision represents a new approach to purchasing within the public sector. The vision for such a transformative overhaul is to aggregate spending across statewide entities -- such as agencies, universities, municipalities and hospitals -- that typically operate independently, but whose untapped power as a single buying consortium has the potential to drive dramatic cost savings and process efficiencies. ([Government Technology](#))

[State Weighs Scrapping Radio Deal](#) – New York State took the first step in late August toward possibly revoking a \$2 billion contract to build a radio network that would allow first responders across the state to communicate with each other during emergencies. The State Office for Technology said the company hired to do the work, M/A-COM, a subsidiary of Tyco Electronics, had defaulted on the contract because the first installation of the system, near Buffalo, had failed three tests since last September. ([New York Times](#))

[State, Local Leaders Call on Next Administration to Prioritize Federal-State-Local Partnership](#) – The elected leadership of the National Governors Association (NGA), the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), the Council of State Governments (CSG), the National Association of Counties (NACo), the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM), the National League of Cities (NLC) and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) – known as the “Big 7” – joined together in Philadelphia on September 29th to highlight the important roles state and local government leaders play in solving national issues and call on the next president to actively engage these leaders when determining national policy. This follows a [letter](#) sent to Senators Obama and McCain from the Big 7 on September 25th. ([NCSL](#))

[California looks to spend \\$10 million for vehicles](#) – The state Department of General Services is shopping for \$10 million worth of new law enforcement vehicles, offering a boost to beleaguered automobile retailers. Officials at General Services, the state's procurement arm, invited auto dealerships statewide – and the vehicle manufacturers they work with – to submit bids for police cruisers and SUVs earlier last month. The deadline to submit prices and technical information is October 2nd. Vehicles will be bought sometime between this fall and 2010, said DGS spokesman Eric Lamoureux. ([Sacbee.com](#))

[States act to cushion Wall Street meltdown](#) – Cascading economic problems flowing from the crisis on Wall Street are forcing states to urgently redraw their financial blueprints for the rest of this year and next to cushion the impact of the credit squeeze, staggering paper losses for millions of ordinary Americans and soaring energy prices. The article goes on to outline some states' strategies for addressing the financial emergency. ([Stateline.org](#))

[NASCIO Brief Innovative Funding for State IT: Models, Trends, and Perspectives](#) – Based on a survey of the states, this report examines the use of innovative, alternative and financing funding models for technology projects that enable states to deliver savings, and improve IT services to citizens. A product of NASCIO's 2008 Innovative Funding for State IT Working Group, this report was developed based on results from an all states survey of state CIOs; thirty-one states responded concerning their IT funding initiatives. ([NASCIO](#))