

State Purchasing Hosts its Inaugural Statewide Contract Mini-Expo



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On a cold and rainy Monday morning in December, 45 statewide contractors assembled to show off their goods and services to over 100 state and local procurement professionals. Outside the Georgia Freight Depot may have been dreary, but inside was abuzz with potential partnerships and excited issuing officers, eager to talk about cost-savings and other benefits of their contracts, as well as the streamlined business processes that would result from contract utilization.

Commissioner Sid Johnson and Deputy Commissioner Leslie Lowe greeted the engaged crowd, with promises of collaboration and increased customer communication. Strategic Sourcing Director Darryl Mitchell spoke about the statewide contract pipeline and reminded the audience that “Money talks and ...,” well, you know the rest!

Procurement professionals were also treated to information from Donna File, training and audit director, who spoke about data management and audits; and Maria Gibbons, training supervisor, who provided information on our training and certification programs.

John Thomason, state cards program manager, spoke to local government representatives about P-card Marketplace, the smarter and faster way for locals to purchase from statewide contracts. Tinae Jones, systems business analyst, addressed the audience with the capabilities of P-card Marketplace, and even promised to conduct a live follow-up webinar for the local governments.

As attendees walked through the exhibition area, they could catch a glimpse of Joe DeGumbia, DOAS’ new facilities director, who provided much of the logistics and manpower for the set-up of the expo.



L-R: Leslie Lowe, Sid Johnson



L-R: Donna File and Darryl Mitchell



Maria Gibbons addressing the audience



Tinae Jones



John Thomason

There is still much work to be done as the goal of the expo was to increase awareness and spend on statewide contracts. This increased spend will do much to leverage taxpayers' dollars as we seek to continue to provide quality contracts to

our partners and customers.

DOAS thanks those of you who came out to learn about its statewide contracts and invites the rest of you not to miss out on the next one!

Snapshots of the Expo



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