



OUR LONG NATIONAL (WINTER) NIGHTMARE IS OVER!

Record 1,584 Members Sign Up for Next Year's Salt Contract

By Bruce Beardsley, COSTARS Marketing Manager

After one of the longest, snowiest and iciest winters on record, spring has arrived and public works personnel can turn their attention to repairing potholes, maintaining parks and cutting grass. The winter of 2013-14 will be remembered for its road salt shortages, delivery problems and discontent. Unfortunately, it was a nationwide problem and affected all of Pennsylvania's salt suppliers. Everyone in the supply chain from the salt mines, to the vendors, to the COSTARS members had become comfortable with just-in-time deliveries and the never-ending bad weather didn't provide time for catch-up.

COSTARS members do not want to be caught short again. This winter, some Pennsylvania municipalities reported having paid up to \$125 per ton, compared to the average \$58.36 per ton COSTARS members were paying under the statewide contract. Despite the problems (or because of them), a record 1,584 COSTARS members have signed on for the 2014-15 season requiring 828,857 tons. This represents an increase of 57 members and a 16 percent increase in tonnage. Participation in the program has grown by more than 140 members in the last two years.

This increase in demand among COSTARS members is consistent with PennDOT's current salt requirements, where supplies are half of what they normally are at this time, and throughout the country. After four years of price stability, Department of General Services (DGS) Transportation Team Manager Joel Shiffler warns that the harsh winter and depleted supplies have moved the environment from a "buyers' market" to a "sellers' market." As a result, DGS is weighing the state's options to rebid all or part of the contract or to negotiate new prices within the terms of the existing contract. Either way, COSTARS members are advised to expect "substantial increases" in the neighborhood of 5-10 percent.

COSTARS advised their members in an April 14 communication that if they had not reached their 140 percent maximum allowable tonnage under the current contract, they should consider purchasing the remaining balance prior to July 31 at the current pricing, if they have the stockpile and financial capacity. In addition to saving money, they will be prepared in the event we experience an early or severe winter.

As always, the new pricing and any changes in suppliers will be posted in the Members' section of the COSTARS website on Aug. 1, 2014.

SUPPLIER LISTING CENTERFOLD - STATEWIDE COSTARS SUPPLIERS

Editor's Note: This edition of the COSTARS CONNECTION includes a five-page centerfold that lists all statewide suppliers participating in the COSTARS Program in an easy pull-out section to maintain as a reference tool. Newly-awarded suppliers will be listed in future editions.





We recently spoke with COSTARS Members who purchased a considerable amount through the program in 2013 and asked them how COSTARS has made their procurement process a better experience.

Below are some of the responses we received.

Cydnee Baffa, Lower Merion Township

Why does your organization use the COSTARS Program? "The Township of Lower Merion uses COSTARS because the advertising, bidding and awarding is already done for us which is a tremendous undertaking to begin with."

How has your organization saved money by using the program? "The cost of advertising bids alone is a savings to the Township of Lower Merion. The competitive pricing from the COSTARS vendors versus outside COSTARS is advantageous."

What product/services does your organization purchase the most through COSTARS?

"The Township of Lower Merion purchases a lot of heavy equipment, vehicles, computers and TV equipment."

Why are you a fan of COSTARS?

"The Township of Lower Merion is a fan of COSTARS because there is a wide variety of vendors to purchase from. There is the opportunity to negotiate, all vendors that the Township of Lower Merion has dealt with have followed through with orders, deliveries and issues if any."

Randy Normand, Woods Services

Why does your organization use the COSTARS Program?

"We find value quite often in the things we purchase, we like the program's mission to serve non-profit institutions along with state agencies."

How has your organization saved money by using the program? "The contracts negotiated do offer some rather significant savings – salt, vehicles, copiers."

What product/services does your organization purchase the most through COSTARS?

"Salt! Then copiers and vehicles."

Why are you a fan of COSTARS?

"There is a lot of information provided that allows me to benchmark other suppliers; what other customers are paying. I only wish I had more time to peruse through the variety of offerings. We could probably save even more!"

Is your organization a fan of the COSTARS Program? If so, we hope you'll share your story with us.

Just drop us a line at GS-PACostars@pa.gov and let us know how COSTARS makes your procurement process a better experience.

Making Your Best Deal Negotiating Is The Key

By Bruce Beardsley, COSTARS Marketing Manager

COSTARS members save money (\$140 million in 2012!) in two important ways. First, by not having to go through the formal bidding process (when they otherwise must under state procurement law), local public entities save taxpayers an average of \$3600 per bid. This includes required public advertising as well as administrative and legal costs. Second, through the artful use of negotiation, buyers often achieve greater long-term savings than might be achieved through formal bidding.

Purchasing through COSTARS allows local public officials to make their buying decisions based upon whatever "best value" criteria they deem important. Decisions can be made based upon geography, past performance, equipment compatibility, quality, service and other factors that may affect long-term efficiencies and which might be difficult or impermissible to include in formal bidding specifications.

All COSTARS- exclusive contracts are multiple vendor contracts and it is strongly recommended that buyers take advantage of the resulting competition by seeking several quotes. While authorized suppliers on COSTARS- exclusive contracts submit attractive and competitive pricing to encourage members to contact them, these prices are "ceiling" prices and virtually all COSTARS-authorized suppliers are willing to negotiate further in order to "get the sale." If sellers are willing to negotiate and buyers don't ask for lower pricing, taxpayers' money is "left on the table."

Members should check <u>both</u> statewide contracts and COSTARS-exclusive contracts to determine whether their desired product or service is available and its price. In many cases, there are parallel contracts, and the product/service is available on both types of contracts. In that case, don't be reluctant to remind COSTARS suppliers that their product is available to you on statewide contract (which is public information) and to get your business a better proposal must be offered. And, in many cases, you'll get that more attractive offer. Also, don't be reluctant to ask the state contract supplier for a better offer. **Note: Some statewide contracts are "fixed price" contracts, which do not allow price negotiation.**

The "best deal" is not only about price. Other factors open to your negotiation include length of warranty, delivery time or expense, free or discounted maintenance, training, payment terms, etc.

Smart sellers also welcome negotiation because they always want the opportunity to "get the sale" with better prices, better service, or better quality. They can't do that unless they know what they need to offer. They expect tough and fair negotiation.

If a supplier is having a slow month or has excess inventory, their primary need is to generate cash, with the profit margin of secondary importance. Approaching a vendor at this opportune time with a sound negotiating strategy will often produce great savings.

The bottom line is the buyer has the fiduciary responsibility to get the best long-term deal for their taxpayers, contributors, and organization. COSTARS is an important and highly effective tool (when used properly) to accomplish that goal.





As of April 4, 2014

440001131 AED & Accessories

Rescue One Training for Life V.E. Ralph & Sons **Zoll Medical Corporation**

6100015189 Aftermarket Parts

NAPA Auto Parts

561015 Aggregates & Anti Skid ITQ

209 Enterprises A.L. Blades ABE Materials ACA Sand & Gravel Allegany Aggregates Allegheny Mineral Corp. American Asphalt Paving Co. Amerikohl Aggregates **Barletta Materials & Construction** Beaver Valley Slag **Bedrock Mines**

Bedrock Quarries Bear Gap Stone Division Belvidere Sand & Gravel **Buffalo Crushed Stone Buffalo Limestone** City Slag

Conneaut Lake Sand & Gravel Coolspring Stone Supply Cooperstown Sand & Gravel Corbett Hill Gravel

County Line Quarry Cross Excavating

Dalrymple Gravel and Cont. Co. Damascus 535 Quarry and Stone Derry Stone and Lime Company

Dver Quarry

E.R. Linde Construction Corp.

Earl F. Dean Eastern Industries Edward C. Griffith Quarrying

Erie Sand and Gravel Eureka Stone Quarry

Frank Tucci G.F. Edwards

Garrett Limestone Co. Georgetown Sand and Gravel Gernatt Asphalt Products

Girts Sand & Gravel Glacial Sand & Gravel Co.

Glasgow

Glenn O. Hawbaker

Grannas Bros. Stone & Asphalt Co.

Greer Industries Haines & Kibblehouse Hanson Aggregates BMC Hanson Aggregates Pennsylvania Hasbrouck Sand & Gravel Hazelton Materials

Highway Materials Hillside Stone Hilltop Quarry **НММК**

Hoover Sand & Gravel **Hunlock Sand & Gravel** I A Construction Corp.

Iddings Quarry

Independence Construction Materials

J.D. Diversified Services Jay Fulkroad & Sons Jigging Technologies Johnson Quarries

Keller Crushing & Screening Kent Sand & Gravel

Keystone Quarry Kinslev Materials LaFarge North America Lake Land Sand & Gravel Laurel Aggregates Laurel Sand & Stone Lehigh Asphalt Paving

Lopke Quarries M&M Lime Company Martin Limestone Martin Stone Quarries

Meadville Redi-Mix Concrete Meckleys Limestone Prod. Miller & Son Paving

Montrose Materials Naceville Materials Neville Aggregates Co.

New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co.

Newport Aggregate North Penn Supply North Star Aggregates

Original Fuels Grange Lime & Stones Co.

P Stone P & P Gravel **Pennsy Supply Phoenix Services** Plumstead Materials **Popple Construction** Porters Concrete Service Pottsville Materials

Raymond D. Showman & Sons **Reading Materials** Red Oak Sand & Gravel Richard E. Pierson Corp.

Riverview Block

Saint Thomas Development Sanatoga Quarry Scranton Materials

Sokol Quarries Stockerton Materials

Syonavec Temple Portable Crushing

Terra Resources Three Rivers Aggregates

T-M-T Gravel & Antiskid Materials Tube City IMS

Union Quarries Valley Quarries Valley Stone Quarry Vincent Excavating & Gravel **Vulcan Construction Materials** Waste Management & Processors Wayne Gravel Products

West Ridge Gravel Co. Wilkes-Barre Materials York Building Products

4400011350 Agricultural/Groundskeeping type Power Equipment

AG Industrial Alamo Group TX Altec Industries Ariens Company Bandit Industries

Best Line Powersports & Best Line

Equipment **Bortek Industries**

Briggs & Stratton Power Products Group

C.H. Waltz Sons Cherry Valley Tractor Sales

CNH America

Clark Equipment Co.

Congdon Associates Distributing Deere & Company **Dotterer Equipment**

Finch Services GranTurk Equipment Co.

Greenhill Farms Equipment **Hoover Tractor Hustler Turf Equipment** KPM Exceptional Krigger & Company Lawn & Golf Supply

Lawn Equipment Parts Company Messick Farm Equipment

MJR Equipment Morbark

Moridge Manufacturing

Motrim

Old Dominion Brush Powells Rental Rayco Manufacturing Schiller Grounds Care Seigworth Road Supply Steel City Mower and Plow Stephenson Equipment **Tiger Corporation** Tractor Parts Company Turf Equipment and Supply Co. **US Municipal Supply**

Venture Products Vermeer Sales & Service W John Greenland Enterprises

4400013024 Ammunition

Jerry's Sports

Walsh Equipment

CN00038235 Bituminous Liquid Materials

Asphalt Maintenance Solutions Midland Asphalt Materials Suit-Kote Corporation Vestal Asphalt

561036ITQ Bituminous Materials Plant Mix ITQ

ABE Materials A.L. Blades

American Asphalt Paving Co. Barletta Materials & Construction

Barrett Paving Materials Bechtelsville Asphalt **Burkholder Paving** Coopersburg Asphalt

Cross Paving

Dalrymple Gravel & Contracting Co.

Derry Construction Co. Dunmore Materials Eastern Industries **Eckley Asphalt**

EJB Paving & Materials Co. **Fayetteville Contractors**

Glasgow Glenn O. Hawbaker

H&K Materials Handwerk Materials Hanson Aggregate BMC

Hanson Aggregates Pennsylvania

Highway Materials

HRI

IA Construction Corporation

Independence Construction Materials

Jamestown Macadam Jay Fulkroad & Sons

Joseph McCormick Construction Co.

Lebanon Materials Leeward Quarry Lehigh Asphalt Locust Ridge Quarry Mayer Bros Construction Co.

McMinns Asphalt

Meckley's Limestone Products Miller & Son Paving New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co.

P&W Excavating **Pennsy Supply Riverlift Industries**

Pikes Creek Asphalt Reading Materials

Pottsville Asphalt **Quaker Sales Corporation** Sanatoga Blacktop Silver Hill Quarry South Reading Blacktop St. Thomas Development TDPS Materials

The Lane Construction Corporation

Tresco Paving Corp. Union Quarries Valley Quarries Wayco

Weist Asphalt Products Inc. Wilkes-Barre Materials Wilson Paving York Materials Group

CN00034311 Bituminous Stockpile Patching Material (Cold Mix)

Coopersburg Asphalt Haines & Kibblehouse Hei-way Pottsville Materials Reading Materials Suit-Kote Corporation

Wilkes-Barre Materials

American Asphalt Paving Co.

CN00030482 Bridge and Highway **Maintenance Materials ITQ**

Alton Steel

Armstrong Cement & Supply Co. **Bloomsburg Metal Company**

Concrete Simplicity Consulting & Supply

Cooper Trading Cox Industries

Crafco

Design Plastic Systems

Dover Roadway Products & Supply Co.

Dura Sales

George L Wilson & Co. **Grace Composites** Graymont (PA) **Gregory Industries** H&D Evans Corp.

Insulation Corporation of America

Maccaferri Gabions McAsphalt Industries Mintek Resources

New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co.

P&T Products Quality Bridge & Fab R.G. Steel Corp. Rockford Bolt & Steel

Safety Guard Steel Fabricating Company

Splice Sleeve North America Staar Distributing Structural Fiberglass Suit Kote Corporation Tarco Steel

Tri Star Rebar Co. Trinity Highway Products Union Quarries Vestal Asphalt

Ward Steel Services & Supply Wine Concrete Products

CN00030575 Calcium Chloride, Rock Salt Bags #50

Flor-Dri Supply Harvey Salt Company

4400004253 Carahsoft—GSA PA (Symantec Software)

Carahsoft Technology Corp.

4400011824 Carpet And It's Installation

Interface Americans Mannington Mills Mohawk Carpet Distribution Shaw Industries

Tandus



Affordable Interior Systems

Agati

Allsteel

Blockhouse Company

Bush Industries

Cramer

Datum Filing Systems

Diversified Woodcrafts

Enwork

Furniture Concepts

Global Industries

Grand Rapids Chair Company

Indiana Desk

Integra

Mayline Company

Moduform AG & W Industry

National Office Furniture

PS Furniture Palmer Hamilton

Sitonit Seating

Smith System Manufacturing Co.

Stylex

The Hon Company

Teknion

Trans American Office Furniture

Transformations Furniture

Workrite Ergonomics

4400011918 Commercial Grade Food Service Equipment

Advance Tabco **Bally Refrigerated Boxes**

Blodgett Oven Company

Brysco Foodservice

Captive Aire Systems

Clark Associates

Crescent Metal Products Hatco Corporation

National Refrigeration & A/C

TMP Manufacturing Co.

Todd Devin Food Equipment

4400004270 Commercial Laundry

Equipment FMB Laundry

PAC Industries

4400009775 Commonwealth Fleet **Card Program**

Wright Express Financial Services Corporation

4400003645 Comprehensive Time/ **Data Collection Solution**

Timelink International Corp.

4400011411 Construction/Heavy-**Duty Type Power Equipment**

A&H Equipment Company

Altec Industries

Best Line

Bortek Industries

Briggs & Stratton Power Products Group

C.H. Waltz Sons

Cherry Valley Tractor Sales

Clark Equipment Co.

Cleveland Brothers Equipment Co. **CNH America**

Dotterer Equipment Corp.

Eagle Power and Equipment Corp.

Giles & Ransome Golden Equipment Co.

Groff Tractor & Equipment

H.A. Dehart & Son

John Deere Construction Retail Sales

Old Dominion Brush Co.

Plasterer Equipment Co.

Powells Rental

Rudd Equipment Company

Schiller Grounds Care

Seigworth Road Supply

Stephenson Equipment

Stewart Amos Equipment Company

Tracy Road Equipment

Traffix Devices

US Municipal Supply

Vermeer Sales & Service W. John Greenland Enterprises

Walsh Equipment

4400008504 Construction Equipment—PA DOT Spec'ed

Highway Equipment Company

998001 Correctional Industries **Products**

PA Correctional Industries

4400008677 Creative Advertising and **Audio Visual - Interactive Production** Services ITO

Partnership of Packer Oesterling & Smith

Red House Communications

CN00035265 Delineators

Garden State Highway Products

6100024368 Digital MFD's

Canon USA

Hewlett Packard Company Sharp Electronics Corporation

Xerox Corporation

4400012521 Dilution Control

State Industrial Products

4400012531 Dishwashing Chemicals

4400009187 Document Shredding Services

Business Records Management

4400010439 Drug & Alcohol Laboratory Testing and/or On-site **Screening Devices**

Redwood Toxicology Laboratory

4400010259 Dump Trucks

Five Star International

4400008938 Electricity PJM **Demand Response**

Hess Corporation

4400004844 Electronic Monitoring

3M Electronic Monitoring

Corrisoft

Satellite Tracking of People Sentinel Offender Services

4400009722 Electronic Waste Recycling

Commonwealth Computer Recycling

4400007511 Elevators/Escalator Maintenance & Repair Services

Quality Elevator Sales and Service ThyssenKrupp Elevator Co. Tristate Elevator

4400002702 Energy Supply & **Related Services**

3Degrees Group

BlueStar Energy Services

Centerpoint Energy Services

Community Energy

Constellation NewEnergy

Dominion Retail

Glacial Energy

Hess Corporation

Liberty Power Holdings

National Fuel Resources

Open Flow Energy

Reliant Energy Stand Energy Corporation

6100014920 Enterprise IT Staff **Augmentation Services**

Computer Aid

6100012054 Enterprise Software

Dell Marketing

4400009541 Equipment Maintenance **Program**

HT Results

CN00033953 Evaporated Salt (Solar Salt)

Harvey Salt Company

4400013079 Forklifts and Aerial Lifts

Eastern Lift Truck Co. Key Equipment Sales & Rental

4400009725 Fuel Tank Cleaning and **Fuel Purification Services**

Clean Fuels Associates

4400009565 8512Genetic Parentage Testing

DNA Diagnostics

4400004760 GIS Software and Services

FSRI

Vetcorp

Equipment

CN00036886 Herbicides

Crop Production Services CWC Chemical

4400009743 High Density Filing

Datum Filing Systems Montel Aetnastak Storagetek

5019 Ice Cream

Bee Line Wholesalers Hershev Creamery Co. Simco Sales Service of PA

4600014871 Incontinent Care Products

Seneca Medical

4400012427 Indoor Floor Cleaning **Machines & Accessories**

Bortek Industries Minuteman International

Quaker City Paper Co. Tennant Sales & Service Co.

4400011641 Integrated Pest Management

AAA Enviro-Pest Mgmt.

4400006936 Internet Based News and **Information Related Services**

Govnet PA

4400004225 IPAM—Xtec Participating Addendum

Xtec Corporation

4400005723 IT Cable/Satellite Services

Skyline Communications Weintraub Telecomm

4400008418 IT Communication **Equipment Services**

Association of Public Safety Frequency Finder Wireless Applications, Corporation

1805057960IT Peripherals

ePlus Techology

4400007410 ITQ Consulting Services

1Source Safety and Health

A6A Associates

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Advanced Facility Management

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Alvarez & Marsal PSS

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A-T Solutions **Atex Petros Holdings**

Avvsion

Bailit Health Purchasing Berks County Intermediate Unit 14

Betty Duroseau Boyer & Ritter

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Tax Credit Brokerage and Sales Teradata Government Systems

Tetra Tech Em The Rushmore Group Thomson Reuters Healthcare

Trecom Systems Group

Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania Urban Affairs Coalition

Various WayPoint

Weber Business Services Wessel & Company PC Wilbur E. Wolf III

Worldgate

Yale New Haven Health Services Corp.

Zelenskofske Axelrod

4400011318 ITQ Helicopters

Bell Helicopter Textron Paradigm Aviation

4400009863 ITQ - Temporary Rented Power and HVAC Equipment

Powerhouse Equipment & Engineering Co.

4400008567 ITQ Training Services

Bucks County Community College KLS Engineering

Momentum NTM Engineering

Optimo Information Technology Springhouse Computer School Trecom Systems Group

4400006436 ITQ Tree Trimming & Stump Cutting Services

Adler Tree Service Allegheny

All Seasons Landscaping Co.
Asplundh Tree Expert Co.
Beeghly Tree Service
Bustleton Services
Bartlett Tree Experts
Edens Corporation
Hazlett Tree Service
Independence Contractors
Jon Mowris Tree Care

K.W. Reese
Knight Bros.
Lewis Tree Service

Montgomery Urban Forestry
Mowris Tree Service & Landscaping

Penn Line Service
Promark Landscaping

Richardson Tree and Landscaping Service

Sajak Tree Townscapes Tri-County Tree Service V-Tech Services

Vaughans Tree Service

4400006208 Lab Services/Lot 2

Center for Disease Detection

4400009324 Laboratory Supplies and Equipment

B&B Microscope Hach Company Labrepco

Leeds Precisions Instruments

Nikon Instruments Premier Safety & Service

Restek Scientific Equipment Thermo Electron N. America Thomas Scientific

4400011851 Light Duty Pickup Trucks & Cargo Vans

Hertrich Fleet Services

4400004254 Live Scan Booking Station

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4400008696 Mailroom Equipment and Maintenance

Hasler Pitney Bowes



4400004480 Master IT Services ITQ

22nd Century Technologies 6079857 Canada 911 Security Cameras Accenture

ACD Telecom Adept Consulting Services Advanced Technologies Group Advanced Facility Management SVCS Advanced Technology Solutions

Advanced Technology So Aero-Metric Affion Public Agate Software AgileAssets Ajilon Consulting Aklero Process Solutions

Acclaim Systems

Allfon Alliance Technology Group Alpine Technology Group Aluise and Associated American Personnel Managers

AMO Environmental Decisions
Anexinet

AlignSync

Appalachia Technologies

AppDev Products
ARINC
AT&T Corp

Azavea B Three Solutions Battaglia Electric

BDH Information Technology

Biztech Solutions Black Consulting Services Bold Planning Solutions Bradley S. Barrett

Brandt Information Services Cadre Computer Resources Co. Capgemini Government Solutions

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CDMS

CGI Technologies and Solutions Celerity IT of PA

Centre Communications
Centre Tower Services
CentreLearn Solutions
Christ Woappi
Ciber
Cirdan Group
Clarizen
Clifton Gunderson
Cognosante
Collaborative Fusion

Collective Intelligence
Column Technologies
Colyar Consulting Group

Communication Technologies Group

Computer Aid
Computer CenterLine
Computer Development Systems
Computer Sciences Corp.
Conestoga Data Services

Connect Pennsylvania Connect Tek

Contemporary Software Concepts Core BTS

Core Solutions
Coriendo

Cybrid

Corl Communications
Cornerstone OnDemand
Corporate Executive Board
Cosmic Software Technology
Creative Enterprise Solutions
Credo Technology Solutions

Cross Current Corporation CSA Central CSB Technology Partners

CSG Government Solutions
Currier McCabe & Associates

D&E Networks

Dagostino Electronic Services

Data

Data Networks of America

Data-quest
Deborah Y. Wood
Dell Marketing
Dellicker Strategies
Deloitte Consulting
Delta Developmental Group
Development Faction

DiagnosisONE
Diebold Enterprise Security Sys.
Distributed Systems Services
Diverse Technologies Corp.
Diversified Data Services

Diversified Information Technologies

Domino Technologies
DPT Consulting Group
Dragline Silk
Dyntek Services

Dobil Laboratories

E&E IT Consulting Services Earthlink Managed Services Eastern Telephone & Telecom

Economic Modeling eData Experts

Edwards Business Systems

EMC Corp eScholar ESI International ESP Solutions Group

Essential Management Solutions

eStrategy Solutions Explore Information Services

EZAPPT

Federal Engineering

Fileone

First Data Government Solutions

First Telecom Services
FluidEdge Consulting
Ford Business Machines
Frontier Technologies
FTS Solutions
Gaming Laboratories
Gannett Fleming
Gantech

GBWH General Dynamics IT Genesis Systems

Gettle

Global Computers and Networks Global Data Consultants Global Secure Systems Corp. GovernmentJobs.com

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Gypsy Lane Technologies
Halifax Corporation

Harrisburg University of Science & Technology

Health Monitoring Systems
Healthier Resources
Henkels & McCoy
Hitachi Data Systems Corp.
HLN Consulting
Hornby Zeller Associates

Hornby Zeller Associat
HP Enterprise Services
IBM Corporation
iBusiness Solutions
Idea Integration
Image API
ImageNet Ventures

Imagenet ventures
Imagetech Systems
iMapData
IMR Limited

Indus Consultancy Services
Info Matrix Corporation

Info Tech Informa Systems Information Builders

Information Systems of Florida Information Technology Services

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Innovate!

Innovative Business Concepts

INS Services Instant Web

Integrity Consulting Solutions

IPR International
IT Professional Solutions

ITSM Specialties
JAG Consultancy

JANUS Software Jim Mountain Consulting Johnson Mirmiran & Thompson

Josef G. Oberneir
JPL Productions
JRW Service Corp.
JV Kelly Group
Kalkomey Enterprises
KCI Technologies
Keyver Consulting Gro

Keyser Consulting Group KIT Network Cabling Kit Solutions

Knowledge Key Associates

Koryak Consulting

KPMG KSYS

L.R. Wechsler

L-1 Secure Credentialing Lapis Software Associates

Laser Supply LDP

Learning Tree International

Let's Think Wireless Level 3 Communications Lexington Technology Lexmark International Lincoln Lectronics

Lincoln Lectro Linktech Liquidhub Liquid Spoke

Logistics Management Institute

Logisys

Lobar

LS Digital Solutions

LunaMetrics

Management Science Associates

Mansai Corporation

Marine Information Resources Markant Corporation

Mathtech

Maximus

McGladrey & Pullen McKonly & Asbury MCM Consulting Group Message4U Pty. Ltd. Michael Baker Jr. Milennium Consulting

Mindteck Miria Systems Modis Momentum

Morrison Consulting
MTG Management Consultants

MWF Enterprises Myesha Oueraogo Natus Medical Navteq North America

Neo Technologies
NetComm Solutions
Netlan Technology Center
NetServe 365/Innovations Tech.
New Horizons Computer Learning
New Line Communications

NextStep Technology Advisors NIIT Technologies

North Central Pennsylvania Regional Planning and Development North Highland Company

NTT Data

NuVision Technologies

Nystec

Oaktree Systems Omega Systems

OpenArc
OPTiMO Information Technology

Orbit Technologies
OrderPad Software
PC Network
Peak Solutions
Pennsylvania Networks
Pennsylvania State University

Phillips Office Products
Pierson Computing Connection
Pink Frog Interactive

Plan B Technologies Planet Technologies Plus Consulting Policy Studies

Pomeroy IT Solutions Sales Company

PPT Consulting
Prequel Solutions

Protech Professional Technical Services

Public Consulting Group

Quality Enhanced Management Systems

QuantumMark
R&R Networks
R.W. Communications
Randstad North America
RCC Consultants

Reclamere Rego Consulting Corporation

Revenue Solutions
Ricoh Americas Corporation

Rightstar

River Point Technology Riverhead Training Robert J. Heath Rodata Sabre Systems

Sage Technology Systems SDLC Partners

Secco

Sentinel Technology Group Sierra w/o Wireless Sigma Resources Signature Systems Skelly & Loy SkillNet Solutions

Skyline Advanced Technology

SLI Global Solutions

Smart Business Advisory & Counseling

Social Solutions Global Solutions4networks

Solutran Sona Networks

South Hills Secretarial School Spectra Systems Corporation Springhouse Computer School

SRC Solutions Strategic BCP Statix Systems Sungard Availability Services

Suss Consulting Swain Online SymbioSys Solutiions Synergis Technologies

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Synergy Media Group

Syscom

System Automation Corporation

System Adomation Corporal System Edge (USA) Target Media Mid Atlantic Tata America International Technical Sycs Association

Technisource TechnoDyne Technology Blue Techwave Consulting Teksystems

Telesage Telvent USA Holdings Tetra Tech EM The Akanksha The Judge Group
The Presidio Corp
TJL Holding
TreCom Systems Gro

TreCom Systems Group Tribridge Holdings

Tri-Force Consulting Services
TriLogic

Triplett & Adams Enterprises

Tripod Technologies

TriVir

Unicorn International Unified Solution Group Unisis Corporation

V Group Various Veris Associates Veritec Solutions Verizon Select Services Versatile Systems ViON Corporation

Vision Information Technologies
Visionary Integration Professionals

VitalChek Network Vsolvit

Waterfront Technologies Weidenhammer Systems Corp.

Weintraub Telecomm

Wendel Duchscherer Architects & Engineers PC

Windsor Solutions Worldgate WorldView Solutions Xerox State & Local Solutions Xtium Young Enterprise Systems

4400009632 Matching Existing

Systems Furniture

The HON Company

4400008473 Media Display Systems, Accessories and Services

Purpose 1

4400011539 Media Planning Services

Harmelin Media

4400007953 Microfilm Equipment, Services and Supplies

Reynolds Business Systems

4400000452 Microsoft Premier Services

Microsoft Corporation

4400011212 Motor Oil, Lubricants, Antifreeze and DEF

PPC Lubricants
Tri County Petroleum

4400006249 Moving Services

Debo Moving & Storage George Weaver & Son Matheson Transfer O'Briens Moving & Storage Parks Moving & Storage Weleski Transfer

4400007622 MRO (Maintenance, Repair and Operations) Lot 1B and 2B

Grainger Industrial Supply

4400007623 MRO (Maintenance, Repair and Operations) Lot 1A and 2A

Schaedler Yesco Distribution

4400010893 MRO (Maintenance, Repair and Operations)

Fastenal MSC Industrial Supply W.W. Grainger 6100024938 Networking Equipment & Related Services

PC Solutions & Integration

9012 Non-English Interpretation, Translation & Authentication Services (Interpretation)

Language Services Associates

8211 Non-English Interpretation, Translation & Authentication Services (Translation)

Exact Communication Language Services Associates

4400005290 OEM Heavy Duty Parts & Engines

Fire & Rescue Products Sunbury Motor Company

251702 OEM PartsBrenner Chrysler Jeep

4400010098 Off-site Storage

Adaptive Data Storage

4400004713 Oracle Software Products & Services

DLT Solutions

4400011830 Passenger Vehicles

Hertrich Fleet Services

6100022456 PBX & Key Telephone Systems Equipment and Other Related Services

Altura Communication Solutions Black Box Network Eastern Telecommunication NEC Corporation of America PhoneAmerica Corporation

Sage Technology Solutions Third Generation of Pennsylvania

8510 Per Diem Nursing

Adara Healthcare Staffing Advantage On Call All About Staffing ATC Healthcare Services Bayada Nurses CHG Medical Staffing Delta T-Group Favorite Staffing

General Healthcare Resources

JayKay

Maxim Staffing Solutions

Medical Staffing Network Healthcare
MileStone Healthcare

Nationwide Medical Staffing Onward Healthcare Premier Staffing Network Professional Healthcare Associates Quality Care Options

Star Nursing Vision Healthcare Services

6100026342 Personal Computing Devices, Monitors and Services

Hewlett Packard Company

4400004561 Pharmaceuticals

McKesson Drug Company

3830-01 Plow Maintenance and Repair Parts

Equipment Express Kueper North America Valk Manufacturing Company Winter Equipment Co.



4400008917 Police and Specialty Vehicles

Hertrich Fleet Services

CN00030243 Posts and Accessories

Garden State Highway Products South Penn Delta

4400008522 Recreation & Fitness Equipment—ITQ

Recreation Resource USA

CN00034776 Reinforced Concrete Pipe

Hydro Conduit

4400006908 Relocation Consulting Services

Facilities Relocation Consultants SMC Consulting Titan Construction & Maintenance

Titali Construction & Mainter

251703 Re-Tread Tires

Michelin North America

61000014052 Revenue RFQ Independent Verification and Validation

Capgemini Government Solutions

4400012018 Road Surface Patching Equipment

A&H Patching Equipment Crafco

4400009664 Sign Language Interpreting and Transliterating

360 Translations

CN00036615 Sign Sheeting

3M Traffic Safety & Security Division

6100025112 Small Network Printers

Edwards Business Systems Konica Minolta Business Solutions Lexmark International Ricoh USA

4400010547 Small Package Delivery

United Parcel Service

4400011038 Snow Plows

A&H Equipment Patrick S. Hawkins Valk Manufacturing Company

CN00037341 Sodium Chloride (Rock Salt)

American Rock Salt Cargill International Salt Company Morton Salt North American Salt Company Oceanport

CN00028442 Statewide Radio Maintenance

Transcore Holdings

4400006990 Statewide Radio System Network

Alcatel-Lucent USA Harris Corporation

998002 Supplies Manufactured & Services Performed by Persons with Disabilities

UniqueSource Products & Services

6350 Surveillance, Security & Fire Systems

App Techs
Bettwy Security
Choice Security
Honeywell International
Intertech Security
Kinetix
Kint
Kistler
Probitas Technology
Security and Data Technologies
TYCO

4400006842 Surveying Instruments and GPS

Topcon Positioning Systems

Vector Security Systems

4400009616 Systems - Metal & Wood/Veneer Case Goods

Teknion
The HON Company

4400006326 Telecommunications Managed Services

MCI Worldcom

4400004924 Third Party IT Hardware Maintenance

Pomeroy IT Solutions Sales Company

251701 Tires, Auto, Truck, OTR & Farm

Goodyear Commercial Tire Michelin North America

CN00037241 Traffic Counters

International Road Dynamics

CN00036368 Traffic Safety, Cones & Drums

Lightle Enterprises of Ohio

Bavcrete

5610-49 Truck Mix Cement, Concrete and Cemenent ITQ

Beaver Concrete & Gravel Co. **Berks Products Corporation** Big Valley Concrete Builders Supply Co. Castle Builders Supply Central Builders Supply Centre Concrete Company Ceratech Concrete Services Corporation Conewago Enterprises Coons Industries Cooperstown Sand & Gravel Cumberland Concrete Corp Dan-Ber Concrete & Supply DuBrook E.E. Austin & Son Fi-Hoff Concrete Products George Wilson & Co.

Glenn Sand & Gravel Grannas Bros. Stone & Asphalt Co. Green Building Solutions & Supplies Hanover Concrete Co.

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JJ Kennedy

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J&F Ready Mix Concrete James W. Quandel & Sons

Jepco Sales Juniata Concrete Co. MEM Investments

Marion Center Supply Marstellar Concrete

Meadville Redi Mix Concrete

New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co.

Pennsy Supply
Pocono Transcrete
Porter's Concrete Service
STAAR Distributing
T&M Dubrook
Walter W. Zeiglers Sons
Wayne Concrete
Wild Rose

Wine Concrete Products

4400010945 Truck Mounted Salt Spreader Units

Somerset Welding & Steel

4400009076 Truck Tractors & Trailers

Perkins TP Trailers

4400012045 Truck, Medium Duty

Kovatch Mobile Equipment Nicholas Wyoming Valley Truck Sales

6100017908 Two Way Radio Communications Equipment and Accessories

Alcatel-Lucent USA
Aviat Networks
Butler Mechanical Services
Communications Electronics
Communications Marketing Associates
CR Solutions
Icom America
Motorola
Procom Corporation
RF Design & Integration
Tessco

9212 Un-Armed & Armed Security Guards Security Guard Services

Pond Security Service Roman Sentry Security Systems Security Guards

TuWay Wireless

Zetron

CN00037047 Various Fuel Types, Truck Transport and Limited Tank Wagon

Superior Plus Energy Services

4400011997 Various Fuels, Tank Wagon Delivery

Affordable Holdings
Bayless Fuel
Glassmere
IsoBunkers
Klasen McQuiston Energy Corporation
Luther P. Miiler
Naugton Energy Corporation
Superior Plus Energy Services
Talley Petroleum Enterprises

4400002105 Vehicle Lifts and Garage Equipment WSCA 06405

Ari-Hetra Mohawk Resources Stertil-Koni USA

4810 Water Bottled Water

Crystal & Hinckley Springs Deer Park Spring Water Endless Mountain Water Co. H&H Fleet Beverage Wada Water

4400011261 Water Treatment Chemicals

General Products & Supply Grignard Hercules MTEK Guardian Chemical Specialties The Keeler Co.

CN00034786 Waterborne Traffic Line Paint

Ennis Paint

4400008412 Wheelchair Vehicles

Roher Bus Sales

4400010315 Wireless Communication Services—Voice and Data

ATT Corp. T Mobile USA Sprint Solutions Verizon

4400009759 Wireless Paging Services

Schuylkill Mobile Fone

NOTE: The terms and conditions of these contracts are subject to change. Please review the contracts on PA e-Marketplace for updates.



COSTARS On The Road

The COSTARS Marketing Team makes it their mission to spread the message about the COSTARS Program as well as to recruit and train members and suppliers about COSTARS.

Marketing Managers Bruce Beardsley, Kim Bullivant and Claire Osborne travel throughout the commonwealth speaking at conferences, workshops and seminars sponsored by associations, suppliers, universities, legislators, chambers of commerce and others.

In February and March, the COSTARS Marketing team conducted workshops for newly elected township supervisors at training sessions sponsored by the Pennsylvania Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) at various locations. The team provided important procurement law information and COSTARS program updates to more than 200 new supervisors.

Recent Sponsors of Events Attended by COSTARS Staff

- SYMCO Inc. Philadelphia Technology Showcase
- ⇒ Phillips Education Technology Fair
- Delaware Co. Transportation Management Association Conference and Trade Show
- Allegheny League of Municipalities Annual Conference
- Singer Food Service Equipment Trade Show
- **⇒** PSATS 92nd Annual Education and Technology Conference
- 🖨 Presentations & Workshops sponsored by Representative Ryan Bizzarro, Rep. Schreiber, Rep. Toohil & Senator Folmer
- COSTARS Connections Seminar presented by Clarion University Small Business Development Center, North Central Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) and Northwest PTAC
- Municipal & Industrial Tradeshow presented by RAM Industrial Services
- Pennsylvania Municipal League
- Pa Boroughs Association Annual Conference
- UniqueSource (Formerly PIBH) Conference
- Mon Valley Intermunicipal Meeting
- SEDA-COG Suppliers Workshop
- **⇒** PASBO Conference

Upcoming Events

- Members' Workshops sponsored by Xpedx May 6 in Wilkes-Barre and May 14 in State College
- Grant Workshop sponsored by Senator Folmer May 7 in Lewisberry
- SE PA PTAC/SEDA-COG Workshop for Prospective Suppliers May 8 in Harrisburg
- Members' Workshop sponsored by Senator Alloway May 9 in Ortanna
- Doing Business with PHA Sponsored by Philadelphia Housing Authority May 22 in Philadelphia
- Moshannon Valley Council of Government Equipment Show and Training Day May 28 in Clearfield County
- PTAC Government Procurement Expo May 30 in Johnstown
- Opening Doors Reverse Trade Show sponsored by Greater Reading Chamber of Commerce June 5 in Reading

If you would like to attend one of the above-mentioned events, please contact the sponsoring organization. To submit a request for a COSTARS representative to speak or conduct a training session for members or suppliers at an upcoming event, please contact Bruce Beardsley at 717-214-3432 or bbeardsley@pa.gov Kim Bullivant at 717-346-2678 or bbeardsley@pa.gov or Claire Osborne at 717-346-3838 or cosborne@pa.gov.

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Further information on the COSTARS program is available by phone at 866-768-7827 or by visiting the COSTARS website.



These Faces Have Names!

By Claire Osborne, COSTARS Marketing Manager

Meet Your COSTARS Commodity Specialists

The COSTARS Team congratulates Tera Akpan on her promotion to the position of Commodity Specialist, with the responsibility for the

COSTARS-8 MRO (Maintenance, Repair and Operations Equipment and Supplies) contract. COSTARS-8 has the second-highest supplier participation of all COSTARS exclusive contracts, with 171 suppliers. In addition, Tera is also responsible for the COSTARS-28 Energy Conservation Management Supplies contract and the COSTARS-30 Energy Consulting Services contract. COSTARS members and suppliers may be familiar with Tera, as she previously held the position of COSTARS Management Technician for three years.

Tera started with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at the Museum Commission in 1994, after graduating from William Penn High School in 1994 with a major in Business Administration. After four years with the commonwealth, she took time off to successfully open and run her own business. In 2006, she returned to the commonwealth, in the Department of Corrections, as a Clerk Typist. She joined the Department of General



Services the next year, and in 2011, assumed the position of Management Technician for COSTARS. As a COSTARS Management Technician, she helped members and suppliers with many different situations and promoted the COSTARS Program.

Tera's background as a COSTARS Management Technician will give her a great advantage as she begins her new role as COSTARS Commodity Specialist. She looks forward to learning the "ins" and "outs" of her contracts, while developing a strong working relationship with her suppliers. Tera has also been tasked with researching the need and benefits to writing a new COSTARS-exclusive contract for surveillance and security equipment. She enjoys helping people, and takes pride in treating others as she would like to be treated.

Tera loves to spend time with her family, especially her husband, whom she refers to as her best friend. She has four children that keep her strong and active and who she loves dearly. Tera is a very spiritual person and is an active member of her congregation. She enjoys going on vacations, shopping and attending Zumba and dance classes with her friends.

If you would like to speak to Tera about her COSTARS contracts or to provide input regarding the potential COSTARS-exclusive contract for surveillance and security equipment, you may contact her at 717-783-5368 or <a href="mailto:takenage-takenag





COSTARS welcomes our newest addition to the team, Management Technician Christine Acri. Christine began her career with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 12 years ago, serving in the Department of Labor and Industry as a Clerk Typist 2. After taking time off to take care of her young daughter, she was reinstated two years later at the Department of Education where she assisted veterans with their GI Bills.

Christine comes to COSTARS from the State Museum of Pennsylvania where she served in the Exhibit Department as an Administrative Assistant. As the new Management Technician, Christine is looking forward to using her strong background in customer service to assist existing and prospective COSTARS members and suppliers.

Christine enjoys spending time with her family and friends (and her two dogs Prince and Sam). An interesting fact about Christine is she is an identical twin! She also enjoys hiking, walking and decorating. You might see her in line at the movie theatre waiting to watch a psychological thriller.

You may contact Christine at 717-346-2673 or chracri@pa.gov.





New Members

ABWE NORTH AMERICA

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services, Inc.

Belleville Fire Company No. 1

Buena Vista Volunteer Fire Company

Career Technology Center of Lackawanna County

Children's Surgical Associates, LTD

Clintonville Sewer and Water Authority

Colonial House, Inc.

Columbia County Redevelopment Authority

Delano Township

Delta Foundation of Pittsburgh

East Side Borough

First Judicial District of Pennsylvania

First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem Preschool & Extended Care

Gallagher Township Supervisors

Geisinger Bloomsburg Hospital

Indiana County Head Start, Inc.

John Paul II Center for Special Learning

Kennett Area Community Service

Key Charter School of Harrisburg

Key Charter School of Reading

Lancaster Museum

Little Meadows Borough

Melmark, Inc.

Mocanaqua Volunteer Fire Company

Nativity of Our Lord

New Galilee Community Volunteer Fire Department

No. 1 Emergency & Rescue

Oakdale Borough

Office of State Constable, Deer Lake Borough

Office of the Constable, Bedminster Township

Penn State New Kensington

PA Association of Conservation Districts, Inc.

Pittsburgh Botanic Garden

Service Coordination of South Central PA, Inc.

Sewickley Township Fire Company No. 1

Sharon Hill Fire Company

Somerset Conservation District

St. Anthony School Programs

Unionville Volunteer Fire Company

UPMC Altoona

Western Clinton County Municipal Authority

New Suppliers

COSTARS - 3 American Personnel Managers & Consultants, Inc.

DVS Direct

FireFly Computers, Inc.

KIT Network Cabling, Inc.

Lenovo (United States), Inc.

PremierComm, LLC

COSTARS - 5 503 Corporation

National Chemical Laboratories of Pennsylvania, Inc.

PESTCO Professional Services

COSTARS - 7 Karetas Foods, Inc.

COSTARS - 8 DGF Products, Inc.

Sage Technology Solutions, Inc.

Suburban Wholesale Lighting

Tint-Pro

Triple "R" Truck Parts, Inc.

COSTARS - 9 Nupp Printing

COSTARS - 11 Charm-Tex, Inc.

COSTARS - 12 Centre Communications, Inc.

MediaSolv Solutions Corp.

Uniform Gear, Inc.

Fire & Rescue Products

Wireless Electronics, Inc.

COSTARS - 13 Kenny Ross Chevrolet, Inc.

Mobile Concepts by Scotty, Inc.

Swab Wagon Company, Inc.

COSTARS - 16 Clean Fuels Associates, Inc.

ES2 Environmental Systems and

Equipment Service, Inc.

North East Technical Sales

COSTARS - 20 North East Technical Sales

OraSure Technologies, Inc.

Tescan USA, Inc.

COSTARS - 25 Davies Ford, Inc.

Keith's Truck Service, Inc.

Morocco Welding, LLC

Pacifico Ford, Inc.

COSTARS - 26 Hondru Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram Hondru Chevrolet

COSTARS - 30 Oxford Development Company

Tibiri Energy Group, LLC

COSTARS - 32 Signature Sign, Inc.

COSTARS - 33 Richard N. Best Associates, Inc.

COSTARS - 34 Starlight Productions International, Inc.

COSTARS - 35 Stylex, Inc.

WESCO Distribution, Inc.

COSTARS - 37 Concept Uniform Co.

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