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### **STATE TO HIGHLIGHT COST-SAVING CONTRACTS AND PROCUREMENT BEST PRACTICES AT TRAINING SESSIONS**

#### **Free Sessions Scheduled Across the State**

New York State Office of General Services Commissioner RoAnn M. Destito today announced that OGS is holding free training sessions statewide from August through October to help local governments, colleges, school districts, and non-profit organizations use state contracts more effectively. Attendees will also be given the opportunity to discuss ideas and issues with OGS Chief Procurement Officer Sean Carroll in an open forum setting.

“In addition to ensuring state agencies and local buyers have access to essential contracts, OGS Procurement Services has another and equally vital role to play, and that’s helping our customers understand how to use and take full advantage of our new and innovative state contracts,” Commissioner Destito said. “Our seasoned procurement professionals will present information about these contracts at each of these training sessions and offer advice aimed at improving efficiency and accountability with an eye to reaching substantial cost savings.”

Topics may include purchasing protocols with an emphasis on using preferred source vendors, MWBEs, and service-disabled veteran-owned businesses; best practices for procurement record keeping; and tips on navigating the OGS Procurement Services website. Team members will also share information on the Vehicle Marketplace and the suite of IT contracts that deliver substantial discounts.

The training sessions will also offer an overview of the new 1122 Public Safety Program that allows fire/police departments, emergency services, and public works departments to purchase items for counter-drug, homeland security, and emergency response activities.

During the open forums, attendees will be asked to share their opinions on what OGS is doing right, how OGS can better serve the needs of its customers, and what types of goods and services they would like OGS to have on contract.

Training at each of the following locations will begin at 9 a.m. and end by 1 p.m. Continental breakfast will be provided.

August 4	Ithaca	Cornell University, Riley-Robb Hall, 111 Wing Drive
August 18	Saratoga Springs	Embassy Suites Downtown Hotel, 86 Congress Street
Sept. 8	Cooperstown	Templeton Hall, 63 Pioneer Street
Sept. 15	Clayton (Alexandria Bay)	Clayton Antique Boat Museum, 750 Mary Street
Sept. 29	Hyde Park	The Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home, 4079 Albany Post Rd
Oct. 20	Buffalo	Teddy Roosevelt Inaugural Site, 641 Delaware Ave

To register for the sessions and learn more about upcoming training opportunities visit [www.nyspro.ogs.ny.gov](http://www.nyspro.ogs.ny.gov).

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