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**OGS HOSTS 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PURCHASING FORUM AND CONTRACTOR TRADE SHOW  
IN ALBANY MAY 19 - 20**

New York State Office of General Services' (OGS) Commissioner John Egan today announced the eleventh annual State Purchasing Forum and Contractor Trade Show will be held on Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the Empire State Plaza in Albany. Hosted by OGS and the Office of State Comptroller (OSC), the forum brings together municipalities, schools, hospitals and other entities that use OGS centralized state contracts. The theme for this year's event is *Surviving in Difficult Economic Times: Practical Purchasing Training*.

"Governor Paterson has asked everyone in government to examine how they spend their money and to look for innovative ways to make their dollars go further," Commissioner Egan said. "Both new and seasoned purchasing staff will benefit from this forum that brings public purchasing experts together to discuss their procedures for spending smarter in this tight fiscal environment."

The forum provides seminars on new contracts and procurement procedures, an opportunity to learn about best practices from other agencies, an exhibition of preferred source entities, and a trade show featuring vendors currently under contract with New York State.

The financially self sufficient purchasing forum generates revenue for New York State through exhibitor fees paid by trade show participants. In 2009, the event incurred expenses of \$80,800 and generated income of \$202,400, resulting in net revenue of \$121,600.

Local governments and other organizations eligible to use OGS contracts are encouraged to register to attend this free event by visiting the OGS website at [www.ogs.state.ny.us/register](http://www.ogs.state.ny.us/register). Questions may be directed to OGS Customer Services at [customer.services@ogs.state.ny.us](mailto:customer.services@ogs.state.ny.us).

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