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2013 PURCHASING FORUM & CONTRACTOR TRADE SHOW TO BE HELD MAY 15 & 16

New York State Office of General Services Commissioner RoAnn Destito today announced the state Purchasing Forum and Contractor Trade Show hosted by OGS and the Office of the State Comptroller will be conducted Wednesday, May 15 and Thursday, May 16 at the Empire State Plaza in Albany. The theme for this year's conference is "Strategies for Savings." This year's keynote speaker will be David Yarkin, the former deputy secretary for procurement of the Pennsylvania Department of General Services and a recognized expert on strategic sourcing in the public sector.

"We are happy to be bringing this event back after a year's hiatus and are confident the game-changing strategies being showcased will help make procurement for state, local, and school purchasing officials easier and less costly," Commissioner Destito said. "This year's forum and trade show promises to be the best one yet. Through our exhibitors and training sessions, attendees will see firsthand how OGS is working toward Governor Cuomo's goal of making government less costly and more efficient by modernizing our operations with the latest in technology and purchasing practices.

Early registration indicates more than 1,000 will be attending this year's forum. Purchasing staff, ranging from finance office managers, procurement staff responsible for writing requests for proposals and other bid documents, business office staff who use OGS contracts to buy equipment and other large purchases, and staff who use procurement cards to buy office supplies and make travel arrangements are encouraged to register now for the training sessions being offered. The training will cover a wide range of topics to help purchasing staff from state agencies, municipalities, schools, hospitals,

and other entities that use OGS centralized state contracts learn about strategic sourcing techniques and the latest in other procurement tools and practices.

Additionally, the two-day event provides those attending with an opportunity to share best practices with other purchasing professionals and attend a trade show that includes preferred source and state contractor exhibits.

Local governments and other organizations eligible to use OGS contracts can register to attend this free event by visiting the OGS website at <http://ogs.ny.gov>. Online registration continues through May 13, and people can also register for training sessions in person during the event.

Questions about the event should be directed to OGS customer service by phone at 518-474-6717 or email at customer.services@ogs.ny.gov.

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