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**OGS WINS AWARD FROM NATIONAL TRADE ASSOCIATION FOR PROCUREMENT
EXCELLENCE**

RoAnn M. Destito, Commissioner of the New York State Office of General Services, today announced that OGS was awarded a bronze George Cronin Award for Procurement Excellence for its online Vehicle Marketplace by the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO). The award was presented this week at the association's annual conference in Virginia.

"Two of Governor Cuomo's priorities are reducing government costs and making it easier for companies to do business with New York State, and the Vehicle Marketplace accomplishes both," Commissioner Destito said. "Both buyers and sellers of vehicles asked us for an easier way to use our contract, and the OGS team responded with a modern, user-friendly online tool. I am very proud that NASPO has recognized their accomplishment."

Implemented in November 2014, the Vehicle Marketplace introduced an online system for state agencies, local governments, and other users of OGS contracts to buy light-duty vehicles, including cars, vans, and pickup trucks. The web portal is set up so that contract users can post mini-bids for the exact vehicles they want to buy and then auto dealers can respond with pricing. Currently there are 21 dealerships statewide participating in the Vehicle Marketplace, and 998 mini-bids for 2,854 vehicles have been submitted.

The George Cronin Award for Procurement Excellence, named for the founder of NASPO, is recognized as a premier achievement for innovative public procurement, honoring ground-breaking state programs. OGS last won a Cronin Award in 2013 for its Hourly Based IT Services (HBITS) contract.

NASPO is a non-profit association dedicated to strengthening the procurement community through education, research, and communication. It is made up of the directors of the central purchasing offices in each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia and the territories of the United States.

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