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**NEW YORK STATE CONTRACT REPORTER FREE FOR ALL REGISTERED USERS**

Empire State Development announced today that access to the New York State Contract Reporter (NYSCR) is now free for all registered users. In addition, the NYSCR is now published daily and an "E"Alert Bid Match Notification Service has been launched for paid subscribers for \$79/year. For access to the NYSCR visit [www.nyscr.org](http://www.nyscr.org).

In 2009, the NYS Contract Reporter celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> year serving New York State businesses. The NYS Contract Reporter is your business' official source of New York State procurement activity and the web based procurement opportunities newsletter contains notices of State agency, public authority and public benefit corporation bid solicitations. Free access to the NYS Contract Reporter has significant value to the state's small businesses, providing up-to-date information about New York State government sales opportunities to businesses that may not have the staff to conduct this research.

"Government contracting provides an excellent opportunity for sales growth for businesses throughout the State," said Governor David A. Paterson. "The New York State Contract Reporter is a wonderful tool for all businesses, especially the small businesses looking to learn about bidding opportunities from New York State government."

"Companies continue to face challenges within our current economic climate and as a result they are looking for new customers and new markets, like those found in state contracting," said Empire State Development Chairman & Department of Economic Development Commissioner designate Dennis M. Mullen. "By making the New York State Contract Reporter available free of charge, we will stimulate marketplace activity, add transparency to the state contracting process and provide new opportunities for businesses across New York."

Empire State Development is New York's chief economic development agency, committed to being recognized on a global scale as the economic development engine driving job growth, strategic investment and prosperity in New York State. ESD is intent on paving the way for New York State to become the leader of the innovation economy and one of the most business friendly, productive and competitive economic development climates in the world. ESD also oversees the marketing of "I LOVE NY," the State's iconic tourism brand. For more information, visit [www.esd.ny.gov](http://www.esd.ny.gov).

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