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WSCA (M-0483), the new computer contract is here!

The Division of Purchase and Property (DPP), in conjunction with the Office of Information Technology (OIT), is pleased to announce the implementation of the cooperative purchasing agreement known as the Western States' Contracting Alliance Computer Contract (WSCA). WSCA provides an avenue that is designed to replace the old Mini Micro contract (Mini Micro). We are also happy to announce that WSCA offers significant price reductions on many of the commodities and services originally offered by Mini Micro. Finally, WSCA also offers many new and valuable services to our IT community.

WSCA is designed to ensure that it provides better avenues for purchasing compared to Mini Micro. Note that where available, standard configurations will offer the deepest discounts.

The following vendors and their related product lines have been made available as of December 21, 2007. Please note that because their product lines are available under WSCA, the Mini Micro contracts of the vendors listed below expired as of December 31, 2007.

Dell Apple HP Lenovo IBM Gateway Sun Howard

Any attempts to purchase from Mini Micro against these WSCA vendor commodities will be disallowed, through the normal approval process, as described by <u>07-14-OMB/OIT Circular Letter</u> and the purchase orders returned to the respective agency. For the next six months, the Mini Micro contracts for vendors not listed above will remain active. Where appropriate, OIT will redirect any Mini Micro purchases to the correct WSCA contract.

Please ensure that all IT procurement staff visit and read all relevant information located on the Division of Purchase and Property's Notice of Award web Page located at: http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/noa/contracts/m0483.shtml

DPP and OIT are confident that overall, WSCA will be an easier and more beneficial contracting vehicle for New Jersey's IT community. We look forward to strategically phasing out the legacy Mini Micro contract while continuing to provide more cost effective and practical contract mechanisms.

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