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2008 PSC Supplier Showcases

It's that time of year again! The Procurement Service Center (PSC) is hosting the annual Supplier Showcases. Here is your chance to meet with suppliers with whom you already do business and to discover goods and services from potential vendors.

For the first time, Hospitality (Hotels, Events & Catering) suppliers will be at the Colorado Springs and Anschutz campuses and will be returning to the Boulder campus. Our showcase sponsors, Colorado Correctional Industries and Corporate Express, will be featured at each showcase. In addition, reps from Corporate Express' supply partners will be in attendance. As with past showcases, the PSC Purchasing & Payables Services staff will be on hand to answer your questions.

All faculty and staff—regardless of their home campus—are invited to attend any showcase. So that we may adequately plan, please [register for the Supplier Showcases](#).

Why Should I Attend?

Supplier Showcases give you the opportunity to:

- Visit a variety of vendor displays
- Learn about new products & technologies
- Talk with your Purchasing & Payables Services staff
- Meet campus reps on ethics issues and sustainability topics
- Win door prizes and enjoy complimentary refreshments

When Are They?

All Supplier Showcases will take place from **10 am to 2 pm** at their respective campus:

Colorado Springs Campus

Wed., Sept. 10 in the University Center Gymnasium

Anschutz Medical Campus

Tues., Sept. 16 in RC-1 North and South

Denver Downtown Campus

Thurs., Sept. 18 at St. Cajetan's

Boulder Campus

Tues., Sept. 30 in UMC—Glenn Miller Ballroom & Rm. 235

How Do I Register?

Fill out the [online registration form](#).

Questions? If you have further questions, comments or need to change your registration, contact supplier.showcase@cu.edu.

Benson Supports Small Business Program

"A strong business community has a positive impact on the University of Colorado and successful small business concerns are an important segment of a strong business community. I wholly endorse the goals and objectives of the university's Small Business Program and expect each of you to also support the program." — CU President Bruce Benson

The mission of the Small Business Program (SBP) is to maximize opportunities for small business concerns to participate in the university's business of procuring goods and services. Though the SBP is administered by the PSC, its success depends on us all - particularly department staff with purchasing authority.

President Benson issued a statement of support for the SBP. In a recent letter, President Benson emphasizes how mutually beneficial business relationships with small business concerns add value to CU's missions of teaching and research. "A strong Small Business Program", according to Benson, "can enhance good financial stewardship by diversifying and increasing the university's supplier base to secure better prices and higher quality goods and services through increased competition."

We encourage you to read the [full text of President Benson's letter](#). For additional information on the SBP, please visit the [SBP website](#). You can also contact [Charlene Lydick](#), Associate Director of Procurement, at 303.315.2780.

PSC Operations During the DNC

As of this writing, no changes are planned to the PSC's hours of operation during the Democratic National Convention. However, there are going to be a few changes for those visiting the PSC offices in the Lawrence Street Center building.

The exterior doors of the Lawrence Street Center (LSC) will be locked 24 hours a day beginning Saturday August 23 at 6AM until Saturday August 30 at 6AM. Visitors will be allowed access on a business-only basis. A visitor must check in with the security desk and be issued a visitor name tag (sticker) to be displayed while in the building and returned upon their departure.

Annette Howard Announces Retirement

Annette Howard, Office Manager for the PSC, has announced her decision to retire effective August 29, 2008.

Annette started with the University in 1986 as a Personnel Clerk. Just prior to joining the PSC, she was a Program Assistant for the Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs. She has witnessed a lot in her 22 years with the University including multiple presidents, campus moves, and the consolidation of the Denver Downtown and Anschutz Medical campuses. Annette also has the distinction of being the first official PSC employee.

Annette's plans are to stay spiritually and physically fit and to spend more time cultivating personal relationships. While traveling as much as funds will allow, Annette will continue with her creative dancing.

Please join the PSC in thanking Annette for 22 years of outstanding service and in wishing her well in her retirement.