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Saving money through smart design and intelligent construction is the hallmark for the new Caltrans District 3 headquarters building that dominates the ‘skyline’ of downtown Marysville.

Earlier this year, Leo J. Trombatore, the former Caltrans director and long-time Transportation Department employee joined hundreds of others to celebrate the opening of one of the newest and tallest—and possibly coolest—buildings in Marysville.

DGS officials expect that later this year, the facility will earn the U.S. Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design – Silver designation for its environmentally friendly design and construction. Equally noteworthy, however, are the anticipated fiscal savings that were realized through the way the building was constructed, the efficiency of the new structure versus the circa-1930s one it replaced, and the lease savings by consolidating all District 3 employees from several regional offices to the single Marysville location.

Photo: The unique “internal canyon” in the center of the new Caltrans building reflects daylight to interior floors. By: Ken Hunt

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The project is just one of example of how DGS is helping state agencies to build green. But, the new headquarters for Caltrans District 3 also represents how state dollars can be saved through the way DGS designs and builds the state facilities of the 21st century. For example, the new building:

- Creates a 30 percent savings on the power costs compared to the combined leased and owned office space it replaces
- Saved on both construction time and costs by using precast concrete instead of structural steel
- Will save 20 to 30 percent in water costs through the use of water-saving plumbing fixtures, and water-efficient landscaping and irrigation.

With its loft-like feel, use of recycled materials and unique “internal canyon” that bounces daylight throughout the interior, the end result looks more like

Photos: (Left) Project Director Richard Myren discusses the many energy-efficient features of the new building while giving a tour to Caltrans and DGS executives. (Right) The new Caltrans building in Marysville features this security desk made from a salvaged section of a tree struck by lightning. By: Ken Hunt

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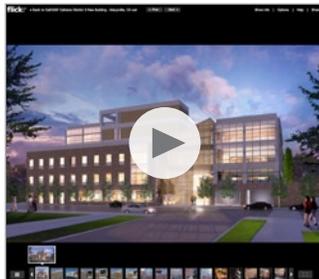
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a work of art than a state office. The building carries a long list of sustainable and site-friendly features, achieved through a design that:

- Is 27 percent more energy efficient than code requires.
- Maximizes natural daylight.
- Is close to public transportation; has bike storage, showers and changing rooms; and boasts preferred parking for fuel-efficient vehicles and carpools.
- Has state-of-the-art heating and air conditioning.
- Features white roofing material to reflect heat.



Video: DGS opening celebration of Caltrans green building. By: Phillip Killion and Ken Hunt



Photos: View more images of the Caltrans headquarters.

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Many DGS construction projects continue to remain on hold as the members of the state's *Pooled Money Investment Board* consider the state's current fiscal situation to determine whether or not to allow funds to flow once again to public works projects statewide.

In January, *DGS halted work* on approximately 50 projects, many of which were in the initial design phases. Work continues however on approximately 20 projects that received exemptions from the Department of Finance including the state's Central Utility Plant in Sacramento. That new plant will be operational by summer providing heating and cooling to 23 state office buildings in the downtown core.

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WEB SERVICES

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DGS has launched a new service to help state agencies save time and money when hosting large meetings and conferences. Webcasting through DGS allows departments to cut the time and cost of travel and brings meeting participants together virtually and even offers the opportunity for remote participants to interact and ask questions.

Recently, DGS provided webcasting services for the Office of the Chief Information Officer to present the governor’s information technology reorganization plan to a statewide audience. The State Allocation Board (SAB), which awards school construction funding monthly, has also begun webcasting its monthly meetings for local school officials statewide. Hundreds of those individuals have historically traveled to Sacramento each month to participate in standing-room-only SAB meetings. They will now be able to watch or listen to the meetings from their offices and ask questions online.

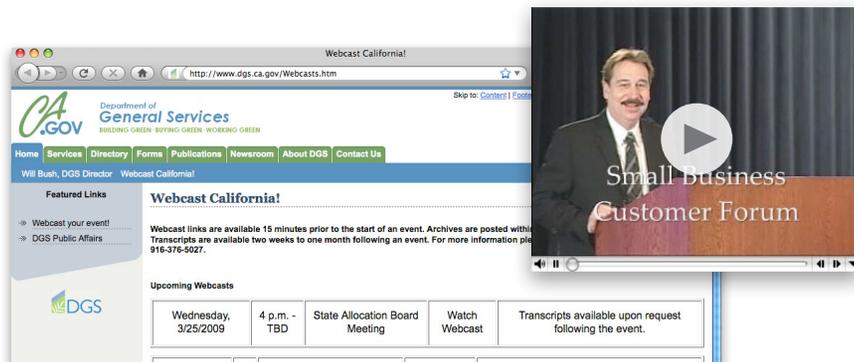


Image: Screen shot of the *Webcast California!* Web site and *Small Business Customer Forum* webcast.

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DGS offers webcasting for meetings, hearings, workshops, seminars, presentations, training classes and more at a fraction of the cost of commercial services. Clients, staff and the public can view and participate in events held anywhere in California using links from a Web site, a standard Web browser and an Internet connection.

All events are recorded and archived for easy Web-based playback and reference at any time. There are no special technical requirements; DGS supplies all equipment and crews, and manages and maintains the archives.

To find out how webcasting can work for your agency, call DGS Public Affairs at (916) 376-5037 or *visit our Web site*.

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On March 16, DGS rolled out a new online purchasing system called eProcurement (eP) that the department hopes will eventually revolutionize the way the state buys goods and services.

State Procurement Chief Jim Butler has said he wants the new system to create an “Amazon.com experience.” The new comprehensive system will help DGS and other state departments organize, automate and better manage their purchasing processes in an electronic Web-based environment. The system’s ability to handle the entire procurement and contracting process online is currently being piloted by several departments. Once the test of the system’s full-functionality has been completed, the complete system will be available for use by all state agencies and suppliers.

In the meantime, all state agencies will be able to use DGS’ old online contracting tools in the new eP environment. This means now that the California State Contracts Register (CSCR), State Contract and Procurement Registration System (SCPRS), Leveraged Procurement Agreements (LPAs) and Small Business (SB) and DVBE queries and SB/DVBE online certification application will be accessible through the new eP system.

For the past several months, state employees have been trained on the new system and DGS expects to continue providing training throughout the year. For more information, *visit the eProcurement Web site.*

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ASSET MANAGEMENT

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DGS is working to help keep electronic waste out of landfills. It is critical that these materials—which include computers, televisions, monitors, fluorescent light tubes and batteries—be disposed of properly to protect our environment. To emphasize its commitment to proper e-waste disposal, DGS established a

statewide Master Services Agreement (MSA) for *universal waste recycling*. This MSA is available for use by all state and local agencies at no charge.

Real savings are possible by tapping into the advantages of MSAs.

- Costs are reduced based on aggregated statewide volumes.
- Extensive advertising, bidding and contracting procedures are eliminated.
- Solicitation of at least three competitive offers is not required.
- Contractors have been pre-qualified and disabled veteran business enterprise criteria have already been met.
- The ordering agency manages the project, approves deliverables and authorizes payment to the contractor.

What could be easier? Let DGS help you dispose of e-waste properly. For services, contact the *vendors* directly. For questions or problems, contact the *Office of State Property Reutilization* at (916) 375-4383.

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TRAVEL PROGRAM

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The *DGS Statewide Travel Program* is continuing to encourage departments to take advantage of its free program to help state government travelers to travel green and save green.

Workshops are scheduled through June 2009 for all state agencies, boards, and commissions and local government agencies. Participants will learn how the travel program can handle a department's complete travel needs by obtaining the most economical rates through the use of negotiated airline, rental car and lodging contracts.

If you would like to attend one of the workshops, please contact *Kelly May* or *Bahia Abdallah*. You can also view the *workshop schedule* or the *workshop agenda online*.

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