

DGS Side-by-Side



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Celebrating

OFFICE OF STATE PUBLISHING

150 Years

The Office of State Publishing had a whole lot of candles on its birthday cake during the second week of January 2000 as it celebrated its sesquicentennial at the State printing plant. Retired employees, members of the legislature and state agency-clients, and the general public enjoyed special tours and historic exhibits.

“The art and business of printing and publishing has changed dramatically these last 150 years,” said State Printer Celeste Maia Cron. “This celebration recognizes that proud heritage and California’s continuing commitment to innovative, top quality publishing solutions for our customers.”



Spotlight on . . .
DGS' "GREEN" FLEET



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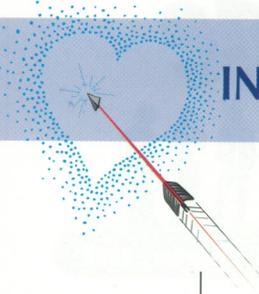
Celebrating OSP's 150th! (Left to right:) DGS Interagency Support Division Deputy Director Karen McGagin, State Printer Celeste Maia Cron, DGS Interim Director Cliff Allenby, State and Consumer Services Agency Secretary Aileen Adams.

OSP's primary customer is the State Legislature, which receives overnight delivery of legislative bills and other publications, as well as "rush orders" that are delivered within just a few short hours. Millions of Californians also see OSP's work in the form of Franchise Tax Board income tax forms, ballot pamphlets, and Department of Motor Vehicle driver handbooks.

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To ensure quality, cost-conscious, and timely assistance and support to state and other public agencies so they can efficiently deliver needed services to California citizens. With the leadership of the Governor, and in cooperation with the Legislature, we seek to provide creative business solutions and serve our customers in a responsive and flexible manner. Our mission is dedicated to serving the customer.



INTERIM DIRECTOR'S

Message...



Clifford Allenby
Interim Director

Did you know you can be part of the solution to air pollution? If you are a DGS employee who drives a state vehicle to conduct state business, you can do so while “driving green.” Through our Office of Fleet Administration, we make available hundreds of non-polluting and low-emission cars, trucks and mini-vans.

These environment-friendly vehicles are available for rent at state garages throughout California as well as at

Los Angeles and Sacramento International airports. They are in use at Capitol Park by our Building and Property Management crews, and they are being put to work by the Office of State Publishing, which will soon feature electric vehicle recharging stations at the printing plant.

Not only are Alternative Fuel Vehicles the right thing to do for our environment, they make great business sense as well. They cost less to operate than gasoline-

fueled vehicles, they’re easier to maintain, and they’re reliable.

As you will see in the “Spotlight” feature in this edition of “Side-by-Side,” DGS’ “green fleet” is leading the way for other government agencies throughout the state by cutting harmful automotive emissions while lowering fleet operational costs.

Please help DGS continue its leadership role by “driving green” whenever feasible.



Cliff Allenby
Interim Director

OSP CELEBRATES ...

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The Office of State Printer was created on January 5, 1850 when the governor signed what was to be only the second chaptered law in California history. The name was changed to the Office of State Publishing (OSP) in 1998. Here are a few other interesting facts about OSP you might be interested in:

- OSP is the nation’s largest government printing operation outside of Washington, D.C. The plant employs approximately 500 people at its 300,000 square-foot facility on N. 7th Street in Sacramento. The plant operates 24 hours a day, five days a week.
- Current State Printer Celeste Maia Cron is the first woman appointed to the position in OSP’s 150-year history. In 1850, the first State Printer was Henry H. Robinson.
- At one time, OSP printed 33 million school textbooks. OSP’s no longer in the textbook business.
- At the end of WW II, OSP was commissioned by the U.S. government to print and process invasion currency in preparation for occupation of Japan. The currency was never used. It was destroyed and dumped at sea.
- In 1909, a Printing Trades Assistant earned \$76 per month. Today they’re paid \$2,337.
- In 1891, horses and buggies made printing deliveries. It cost \$244 annually to feed and shoe a horse. A buggy cost \$220; delivery wagons \$254.



EAST END UPDATE

The Capitol Area East End Complex reached an important milestone in January with completion of a parking complex located at P Street between 13th and 14th Streets in Sacramento. The complex includes 750 parking spaces as well as office space for the Capitol Area Development Authority's new headquarters. The complex also features solar photovoltaic panels on its roof, which will provide electricity for electric vehicle charging stations. The panels will also provide shade for parked vehicles. The garage comes equipped with bicycle storage areas to enhance alternative means of transportation.

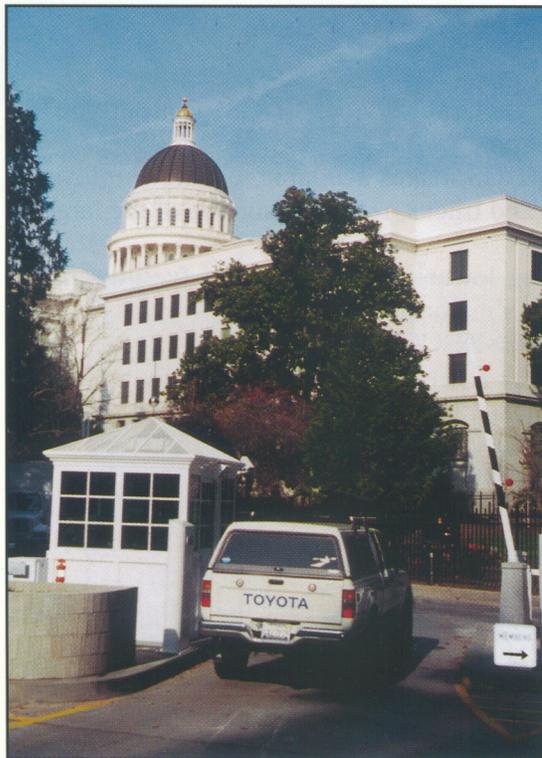
Ground breaking for the East End Project, which is bounded by 15th, 17th, L and N Streets and by 14th, 15th, N and O Streets is due this spring. The complex is being designed to incorporate significant environmental and energy efficiency measures to enhance the workplace of some 6,500 General Services, Education and Health Services employees.

Occupancy is scheduled for early 2003.

The East End Complex will replace abandoned buildings and office space with what will be a model of sustainable, energy efficient "green" construction design.



Construction crews apply the finishing touches to the main vehicle entry on 13th Street.



CAPITOL GARAGE ENTRANCES HAVE A NEW LOOK

There's a new look to the underground parking garage entrances on the north and south sides of the Capitol. Installation of new driveways, fencing, and guard kiosks was completed early this year as part of a DGS-managed security enhancement project for the California Highway Patrol.

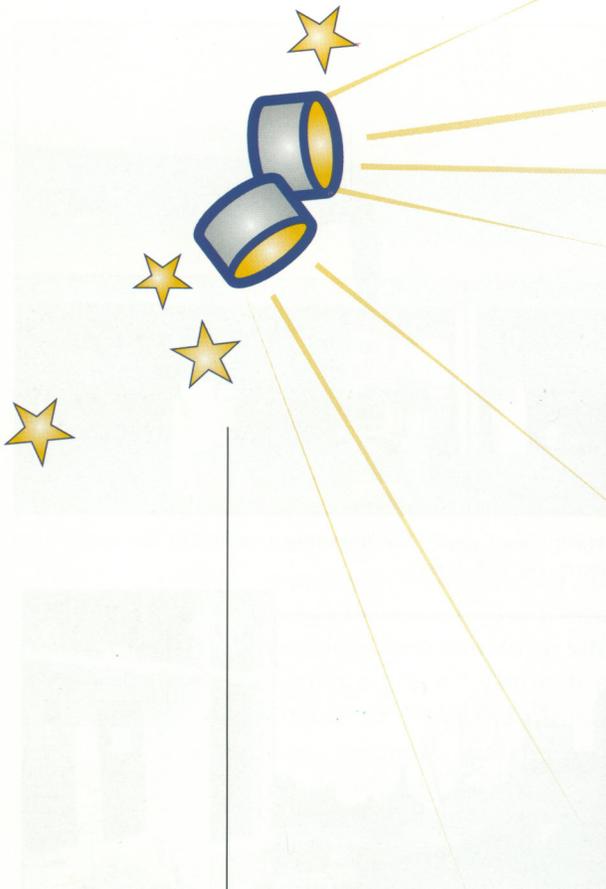
DGS managed the security enhancement project that included driveway revisions to improve pedestrian safety at the entrances to the Capitol garage on L and N Streets.

LOOKING FOR A BACK ISSUE OF "SIDE-BY-SIDE"?

You can find archived editions of DGS' department-wide newsletter on the Communications Office Intranet page at:

<http://pio.dgs.ca.gov>





SPOTLIGHT ON..

DGS' GREEN FLEET



Alternative fuel vehicles like this zero-emission Honda are available for state employees on state business to rent at all state garages.

How would you like to be part of the solution to air pollution whenever you drive a state vehicle to conduct state business? The Department of General Services' (DGS) can put you in the driver's seat with its Alternative Fuel Vehicle Program.

Through its Office of Fleet Administration (OFA), DGS makes available to state employees hundreds of non-polluting and low-emission cars, vans and trucks, representing one of the largest "green" vehicle fleets in the nation.

"The benefits of these vehicles are many including lower maintenance and fueling costs, greater reliability," says OFA Chief Tim Bow. "They are a major part of California's commitment to leading the way in reducing harmful automotive emissions."

Driving one of DGS' "green" vehicles is not only the right thing to do for the environment; it's also a lot of fun. "The electric vehicles handle especially well," says Alternative Fuel Vehicle Specialist Rick Slama. "They're easy to drive, quiet and very responsive."

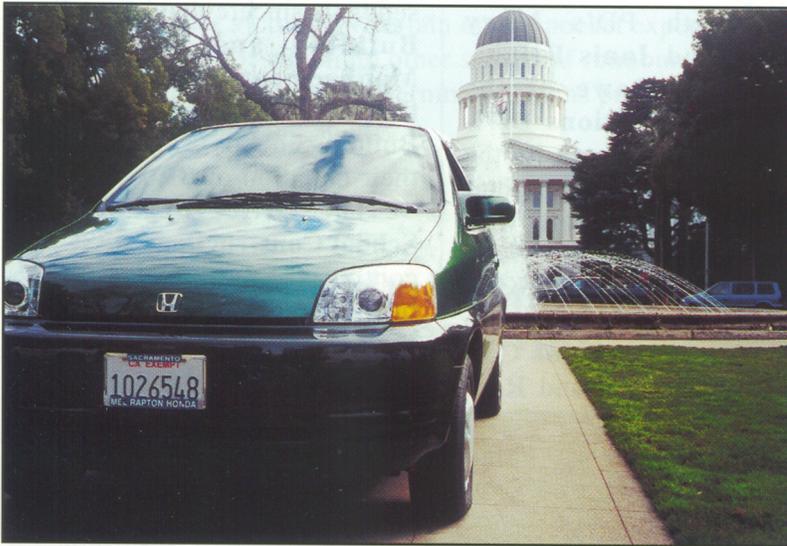
Alternative Fuel Vehicles (AFV's) available from OFA include:

- Clean burning, low emission Compressed Natural Gas trucks, vans and sedans. The fuel is cheaper than gasoline, and produced domestically to reduce energy dependency.
- Zero emission Electric Vehicles (EV's) that are easily "filled-up" at more than 50 recharging stations in Sacramento. EV drivers can park for free at downtown Sacramento garages.
- EV Sacramento Program offering long term, discounted electric vehicle leases to all local and state agencies in Sacramento.
- EV Loaner Program allowing local and state agencies statewide the option of "test driving" electric vehicles prior to purchase or lease.

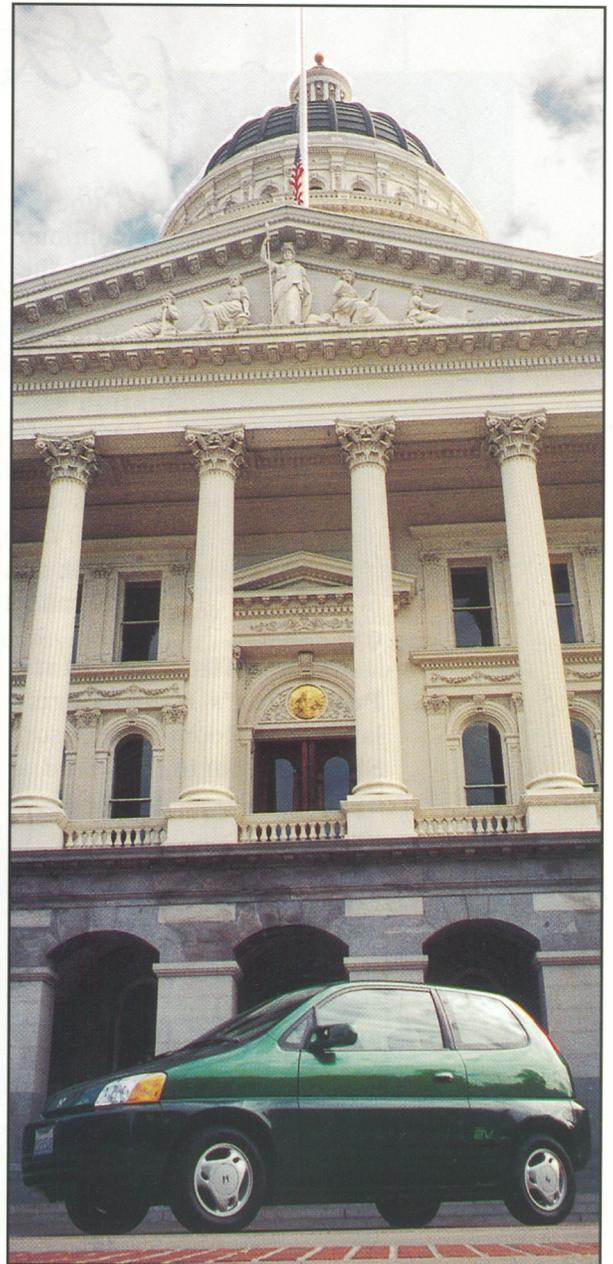


These environment-friendly AFV's are available at all state garages including Los Angeles, San Francisco, Fresno, and Sacramento. And if you happen to be flying on state business, you can "drive green" once your flight touches down thanks to DGS' Airport Alternative Fuel Vehicle Rental Car Program. The cars are available at state rates through Budget Rent-a-Car at Sacramento and Los Angeles International Airports.

Also coming to a garage near you are some first-of-their-kind gasoline/electric hybrid cars. DGS is taking delivery soon on the brand new Honda Insight sedans, which have one of the world's most advanced automotive propulsion systems; combining cleaner burning gasoline engine and a high-efficiency electric motor. These ultra-low emission cars will be able to travel up to 70 miles per gallon of gas!



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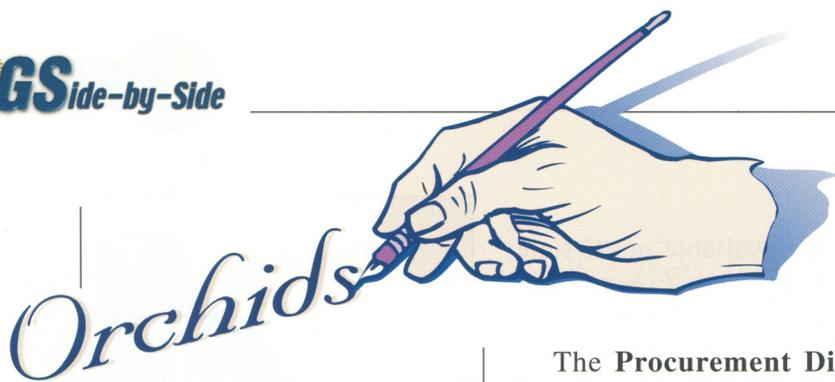


Electric vehicles travel up to 120 miles per charge, accelerate 0-50 miles an hour in 12.5 seconds, and cost just pennies on the dollar to "fill up" when compared to gasoline fueled vehicles.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact the:
Office of Fleet Administration's
AFV Specialist, Rick Slama
at 916-327-2567 or visit OFA's
web site at
(<http://www.dgs.ca.gov/ofa>).





Orchids

Department of General Services employees continue going above and beyond the call of duty for their customers. Here's a sampling of the latest kudos...

Chief Information Officer Al Duran and his staff of Information Technology managers get Orchids for helping DGS through the Y2K non-event. Without all of you, it might have been a real event!

The **Office of State Publishing's** (OSP) Legislative Bill Room Supervisor, **Shari Dalporto**, received a note from one of her customers with the University of California Government Affairs office saying he "wouldn't know what to do without you and your fine staff." OSP's **Cheryl Pardee** and **Ghedeon Bere** have a satisfied customer at the California Energy Commission for OSP's "new approach to business and the assigning of personal account representatives and graphic designers... that made this experience one I will recommend using again."

The **Office of Human Resources'** (OHR) **Kathy Wildermuth** won praise from the Telecommunications Division for handling a number of sensitive issues "quickly and confidentially." Kudos as well to OHR's **Berge Ochikubo** for being "so responsive" to the Real Estate Services Division's personnel needs. They "truly appreciate" her support.

The **Procurement Division** (PD) was sent a pair of Orchids from State Superintendent of Public Instruction **Delaine Eastin**. **Kristine French** received thanks for her review of a project enabling the Education Department to "meet a critical deadline." California Multiple Awards Schedule Program Manager **Carol Umfleet** along with PD's **Mary Gilbert** and **Janis Briggs**, and **Larry Rowe** of the **Telecommunications Division** were singled out by the Superintendent for all of their "assistance and support" with a telecom program. "Many thanks" to PD's **Janice King** for her "hard work" on a guardrail contract for CalTrans. **Lorie Hall** and **Rose McClinton's** "fantastic turnaround... attention to detail and understanding of a short time frame" on a sole source request was "really appreciated" by customers at the Health and Human Services Data Center Training Center.

The **Office of Small Business Certification and Resources'** **Robin Borden** gets a "high five" from a small business owner who wants to "make sure that everyone knows...the State of California has professional people at all levels of government" for her help in the certification process. OSBCR's **Flemming Duke** "went above and beyond the call of duty" according to a small business owner who says his newly approved certification will be "key" to

his success in doing future business with the State of California.

The **Real Estate Services Division's** (RESA) **Sylvia Abbott** and **Cindy Fulp** got a great compliment from a client at the Department of Corrections for their "knowledge and forthrightness... and a wonderful job." RESA's **Zelma Person**, Building Manager III sends along a nice letter from the Board of Directors of Caring for Babies with AIDS. The group sends its sincere thanks to all **Building and Property Management employees** at the CalTrans District 7 Office Building in Los Angeles for their donation of \$1,040.

The **Office of Public School Construction** (OPSC) continues to receive letters of thanks from dozens of school districts around the state. **Lauri Lathrop**, **Ed Urban**, **Audrey Edwards**, **Steven Paul**, **Jean Evenskass**, **Lena Lessa**, **Irene Oliver**, **Andy Yip**, **Carolyn Harmon** and **Andrew Luu** have earned the respect of education officials from Banning to Crescent City. As one school superintendent put it, OPSC's support "will enable our district to provide a safe and comfortable learning environment for our students." Job well-done, one and all!

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"Orchids" to:

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CALIFORNIA BOARD OF CONTROL NAMES NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICER

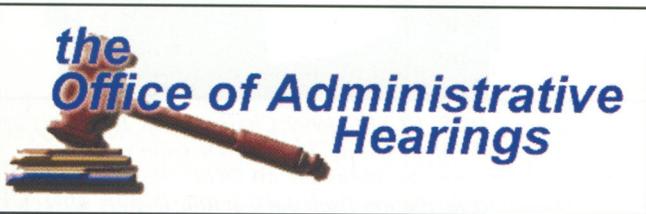
The California Board of Control has selected Kelly Brodie as its new Executive Officer. The Board, chaired by the Director of DGS, acts as an intermediary between state government and California citizens who may have a claim or grievance as a result of violent criminal or other activity.

Kelly Brodie has extensive experience in the field of crime victim compensation and has headed the Iowa Compensation Program for the past 10 years. Under her leadership, the Iowa program has won national recognition for streamlining services to crime victims. Kelly Brodie also serves as the president of the National Association of Crime Victims Compensation Boards, and is a member of several national victims' compensation panels.

The Board of Control administers the Victims of Crime Program (VOC), which reimburses victims for certain out-of-pocket expenses incurred as a direct result of a crime for which no other source of reimbursement is available. The Board also administers the Government Claims program, which processes civil claims filed against the state.



Kelly Brodie is sworn-in as Board of Control Executive Officer by DGS Interim Director Cliff Allenby.



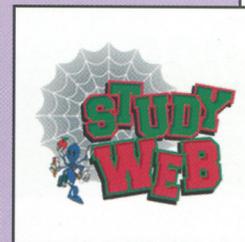
WEB PAGE IS A "FAVORITE"

DGS' Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) has been honored with an Excellence Award by StudyWeb, one of the Internet's premier sites for educational resources for students and teachers. OAH, which provides a neutral forum for dispute resolution involving everything from doctors licenses to pension benefits, was singled out for an innovative solution on its Web page. Visitors to OAH's Web site can click on "So...Thinking of Representing Yourself?" to get easy-to-understand information on how they can represent themselves at a hearing without the services of an attorney.

"We provide a neutral forum for fair and independent resolution of matters in a professional, efficient and innovative way," says OAH Director Karl Engeman. "It's a great feeling to know that our Web site is so helpful that it's being bookmarked as a favorite."

OAH's "Representing Yourself" Web page was developed with the help of Administrative Law Judges who know that many people who come to hearings do so without an attorney. Many of them are confused about the process and don't know how to proceed – or where to start. The guide, also available in pamphlet form, helps non-lawyers better navigate their way through the procedure, focus more on the substance of their case, and make a more effective presentation.

You can visit OAH's award-winning Web site at (<http://www.oah.dgs.ca.gov/>). StudyWeb is located at (<http://www.studyweb.com/>).





DGS EMPLOYEES GIVE FROM THE HEART

The final results are in from 1999's United California State Employees Campaign (UCSEC), and they are impressive.

- ♥ DGS employees donated \$143,000, which was an increase of more than 22 percent from 1998's total giving.
- ♥ The participation rate was 38 percent.
- ♥ Average donation was \$134.

"My sincere thanks to all the DGS employees who volunteered to help and who contributed by payroll deduction or cash donations," says DGS Interim Director Cliff Allenby. "You are the greatest!"

Hundreds of local charities benefited including Loaves and Fishes, Women Escaping A Violent Environment, the Sacramento Food Bank, and Diogenes Youth Center.



DGS' UCSEC 1999 Chair Carlos Toirac (l) of the Real Estate Services Division accepts congratulations for all DGS volunteers and contributors from Jack Smith, Deputy Director Management Services Division.



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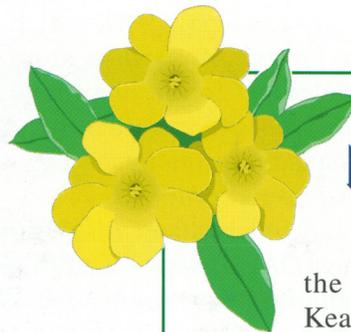
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IN MEMORY OF...

DGS sends its deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Mary Colleen Kearney who passed away on January 9th. She worked in the Real Estate Services Division Business Operations, Policy & Planning as an Associate Governmental Program Analyst.