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PURCHASING

The fifth session of the Municipal Procurement Training Series titled "Contracts" was held on March 11. In this session, Purchasing Consultant Wilma Petro discussed the basic elements of a contract and the dangers of just signing the vendor's form. [Click here](#) to access the recording of this training session. [Click here](#) to view the schedule of the entire training series.

SCRCOG officially launched its Regional Purchasing Consortium and will begin soliciting bids and request for qualifications and proposals. The Consortium is designed to address the immediate procurement needs of the region by offering flexible and responsive purchasing opportunities at no charge. [Click here](#) to visit the Consortium's webpage where all current and past solicitations and results will be posted.

CYBERSECURITY

SCRCOG has started the on-boarding process for the regional cybersecurity awareness training program for the region's municipal employees. Seven out of the fifteen towns (Bethany, Branford, Guilford, Meriden, Milford, North Branford, North Haven, and Woodbridge) have claimed their apportioned training seats (a total of 2000 for the region's fifteen municipalities) and began the implementation process with Novus Insight. Municipalities that are interested in participating in this program should complete this [start-up questionnaire](#). After the questionnaire is completed, the respondent will be prompted to schedule a one-on-one planning and implementation meeting with Novus.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Energy Conservation Working Group Meeting

Thurs. Mar 25 | 1pm to 3pm | [Register Here](#)

Housing Working Group Meeting

Tues. Apr 13 | 1:30pm to 3pm | [Click Here to Join](#)

Municipal Procurement Training Series

Session 6: Construction Delivery Methods

Thurs. Apr 15 | 10am to 11:45 am | [Register Here](#)

Backyard Compost Bin & Rain Barrel Sale Pick Up

Sat. Apr 24 | 9am to 11am in Woodbridge | [Click Here](#)

Sat. Apr 24 | 1pm to 3pm in Hamden | [for more](#)

Sun. Apr 25 | 10am to 1pm in Guilford | [Information](#)

ENERGY CONSERVATION

In April, Live Green will contact each municipality and begin drafting no-cost, individualized Municipal EV Readiness Plans. The plan will create a framework to electrify municipal vehicles.

SCRCOG is helping municipalities achieve [SolSmart](#) designation. Thirteen SCRCOG towns earned points toward designation by attending February's SolSmart training sessions. Currently, Hamden and Branford have received SolSmart designation, qualifying them for 20 Sustainable CT points.

CT Green Bank is working on their current round of solar projects. SCRCOG municipalities should contact [Emily Bashan](#) with any sites they would like considered; this is the last round utility incentives are being offered.

SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING (SW&R)

SCRCOG has arranged for a majority of the region's municipalities to meet with CT DEEP to review approaches to the upcoming shortage of waste disposal facilities. Effective waste reduction measures include food waste diversion and Unit-Based Pricing (UBP). DEEP will conduct individual, town-specific analyses of the economic and environmental benefits of these programs for interested SCRCOG municipalities.

[CCSMM](#) (a CT DEEP program) is exploring preferred ways to reduce and manage the amount of waste produced in CT while also considering reliability, environmental sustainability, and fiscal predictability. [Click here](#) to join the over 70 municipalities, including five SCRCOG towns, that have committed to this mission.

Residents of SCRCOG towns may purchase backyard composting units, rain barrels, and other accessories online and on sale. Currently, over 100 units have been ordered. [Click here](#) for details.

HOUSING

The Housing Working Group met on March 9 to discuss statistics and how to utilize available data to make informed housing decisions. The presenters were Michelle Riordan-Nold of Connecticut Data Collaborative and Kelly Davila of DataHaven. [Click here](#) to access a recording of this meeting. [Click here](#) for useful links to housing data.

SCRCOG will coordinate and create a CGS 8-30j compliant Regional Affordable Housing Plan. The Plan would contain individual municipal plans developed within a regional context. Municipalities do not need to contribute financially, but are expected to actively engage in the process. Currently, SCRCOG is drafting an RFP for a consultant to assist with this project.

Contact [Eugene Livshits](#) for more information.



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