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Department of General Services to host first ‘DGS on the Road’ in Wytheville

~ Agency will visit different areas of Virginia to speak to customers, officials and the public ~

Richmond, VA – The Department of General Services announced today it will host the first “DGS on the Road” event June 18 in Wytheville. The event is the first in a series aimed to make the DGS leadership team accessible to those who are not located in Richmond.

Beginning at 9 a.m., eight DGS business units will hold 50-minute informational sessions where attendees can learn more about DGS services, how the agency can help them, and get their questions answered. The event is free and open to the public. To register, visit dgs.virginia.gov/dgsontheroad. All sessions will be held Wytheville Community College’s Galax Hall.

“At DGS, we’re passionate about customer service, and there is no better way to serve our customers and the public than to visit them where they live, show them how we can help and answer any questions they may have,” said **Joe Damico, DGS Director**. “So much of what we do directly impacts the public, businesses and other government agencies, so over the next two years we plan to visit every region of Virginia so we can meet face-to-face with those who use our services or want to learn more about what we do.”

Attendees can learn about the following:

- DGS’ management of the Commonwealth’s real estate assets, including land acquisitions, surplus real property sales and leasing opportunities

- How DGS helps businesses stay informed about public contracting and vending opportunities
- How public bodies use DGS' eVA procurement tool to purchase goods and services and how vendors can use it to do business with government
- DGS' role as the Building Official, providing building code, cost and procurement reviews of proposed state agency construction and capital outlay projects
- The state's public health and environmental lab's efforts to ensure our babies are healthy and that our food and water supply and our environment are safe from infectious agents and toxic chemicals
- How DGS plans, designs and constructs buildings on state property
- State and federal surplus property programs, where agencies, localities, nonprofits and some businesses can buy items ranging from office furniture to heavy equipment for pennies on the dollar
- Do's and don'ts of driving a state vehicle, and the future of the state's vehicle fleet
- How DGS' distribution center keeps agencies, institutions, localities and universities stocked with food, supplies and other items

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