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STMA to join forces with WSCA is a nationwide car rental solicitation

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The State Travel Manager Alliance (STMA) announced today that it is joining forces with the Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) in conducting a joint solicitation for nationwide car rental services. This is a ground breaking solicitation that is bringing two prominent groups together, STMA and WSCA, which will help further both organizations' missions. This coordinated solicitation will be led by the State of Oregon. Five other states will participate in the development of the solicitation. More than a dozen states are expected to utilize the services resulting from this solicitation. It is expected to be released in the spring of 2009.

WSCA is a subset of National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO). The Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) was formed in October 1993 by the state purchasing directors from fifteen NASPO western states. The primary purpose of creating WSCA was to establish the means by which participating states may join together in cooperative multi-State contracting. This approach helps states to achieve cost-effective and efficient acquisition of quality products and services. Cooperative purchases are developed by multi-state sourcing teams comprised of procurement and subject matter professionals. All governmental entities within WSCA states as well as authorized governmental entities in all other states are welcome to use the approved agreements. Cooperative purchasing benefits states as well as cities, counties, public schools, institutions of higher education and other local governmental entities.

The State Travel Managers Alliance (STMA) was born at the 2004 Society of Government Travel Professionals (SGTP) conference, when a group of state travel managers decided that forces needed to be united. This group has been meeting bi-monthly via teleconferences and annually each September in Washington DC at the SGTP Annual conference. This alliance consists of State government travel managers from the United States. STMA is dedicated to being a united voice in finding solutions facing the government travel industry; provide resources to other states in establishing a travel program and joining forces in solicitations to achieve the best value for each state. Its mission: "To provide leadership, education, tools and resources to assist States with creating and maintaining a travel management program that benefits their respective States' Citizens & Employees with responsible business travel"

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