



CCPA Preferred Purchasing Program Statistics FY09

"Whenever any products made or manufactured by or services provided by persons with disabilities through community rehabilitation programs described in subsection (b) of section 17b-655 or in any workshop established, operated or funded by nonprofit and nonsectarian organizations for the purpose of providing persons with disabilities training and employment suited to their abilities meet the requirements of any department, institution or agency supported in whole or in part by the state as to quantity, quality and price such products shall have preference over products or services from other providers...",

C.G.S. Sec. 17b-656. (Formerly Sec. 17-666).

"The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall establish a pilot program, for a term of four years, to create and expand janitorial work job opportunities for persons with a disability and persons with a disadvantage."

C.G.S. Sec. 4a-82

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Worker Outcomes

- Positive Outcomes for the Workers with Disabilities Reductions or elimination of entitlements from federal and state governments including:
 - Social Security Disability
 - DSS Medical benefits
 - Food Stamps
 - DMHAS rent subsidy
 - Day Care subsidy
 - Standard Wages and Benefits
 - Improved financial self-sufficiency
 - Improved self-esteem
 - Improved social skills
 - Union membership

CCPA Preferred Purchasing Program: Public Policy That Puts People with Disabilities to Work

THE PROBLEM

In Connecticut, the **prevalence for disability among working age people (21-64) is 10.4%** or 212,000 people. The **rate of employment for this group is 42.7%** while the rate of employment for people without disabilities is 72.2%. Historically, **the rate of employment is even lower for people with severe disabilities (27.8%)**. No other segment of society has such poor employment statistics.

A by-product of a low rate of employment rate for people with disabilities is that their economic well being is substantially worse than for those without disabilities. The **poverty rate of working-age people with disabilities in Connecticut is 20.4%** while the poverty rate for people without disabilities is 5.2%. As strikingly low as these numbers are, they reflect circumstances reported for people with disabilities in a strong economy (2007) and not that of 2009.

ADDRESSING THE PROBLEM

In 1977, the Connecticut Legislature created a preferred purchasing program (PA 77-405; CGS 17b-656) to address low employment rates for people with disabilities by promoting employment opportunities for people with severe disabilities through government contracting. In 2006, the Connecticut Legislature modernized this program by creating the *Qualified Partnership Pilot Program* (PA 06-129 CGS 4a-82).

Since the original legislation, CCPA has administered the state preferred purchasing program created by Public Act 77-405 and amended in PA 06-129. Through the program community providers supply state agencies with products and services rendered by people with disabilities while creating much needed employment, employment training, work hours and wages for people with disabilities in a variety of work settings.

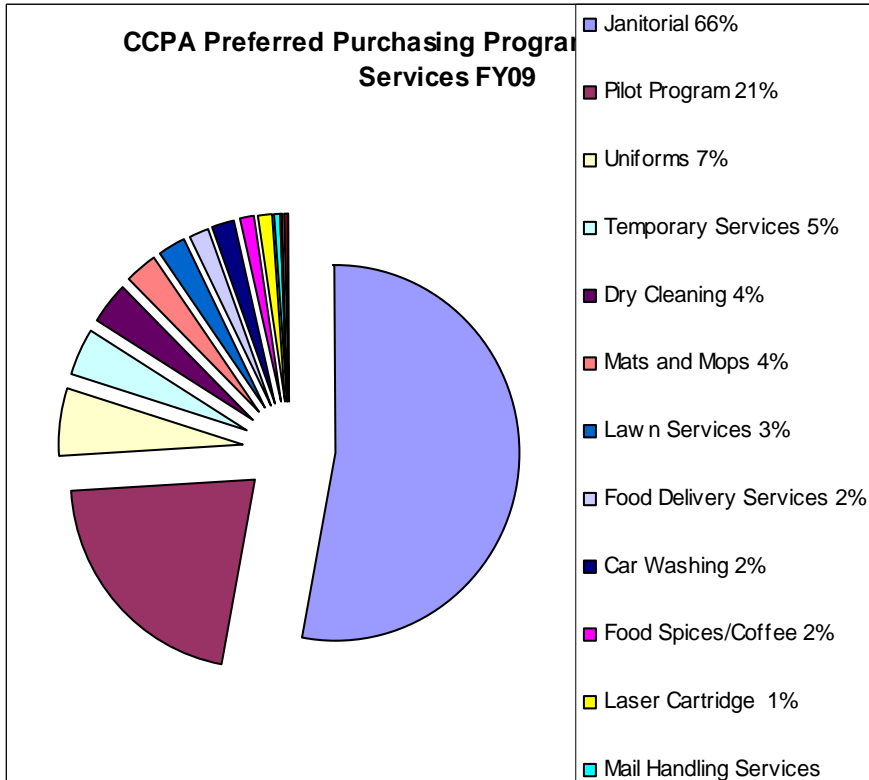
Highlights for FY09 include:

- ◆ **\$2.6 million in wages bringing the total over the last ten years to \$23 million** for workers with disabilities
- ◆ Employment opportunities for **819 people with disabilities**
- ◆ Two more Pilot Projects put on line through the Qualified Partnership Program (bringing the total to five)
- ◆ Increased work opportunities in commercial work settings
- ◆ Hourly wages earned averaging \$9.14

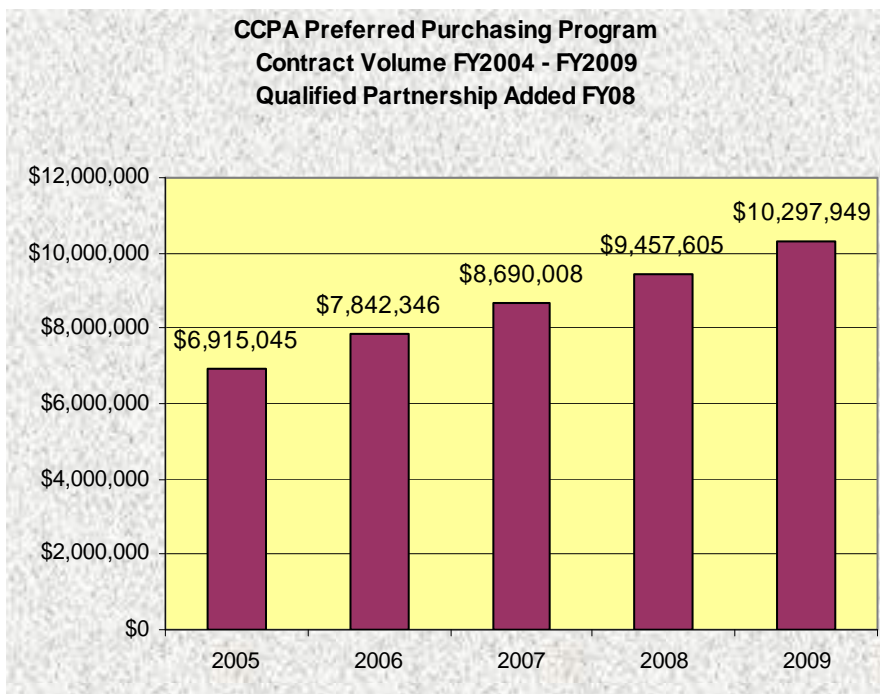
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CCPA Preferred Purchasing Program Products and Services FY09



CCPA Preferred Purchasing Program Contract Volume FY09



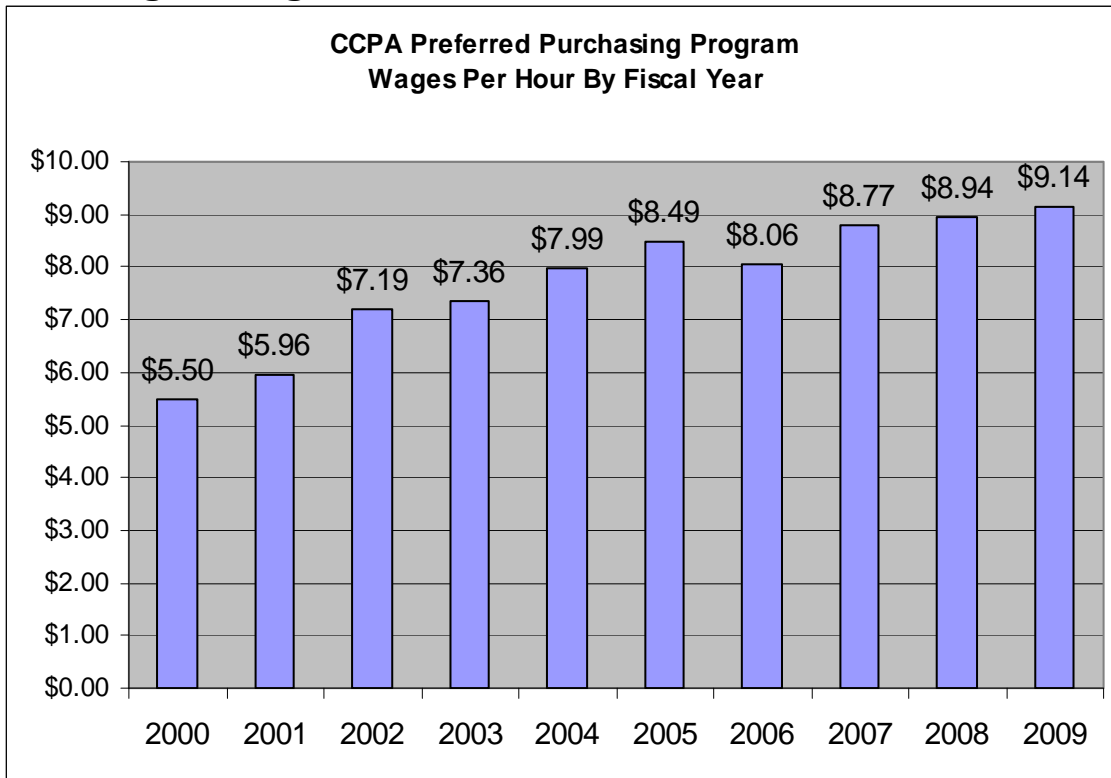
FY08 and FY09 contract volume statistics include contracts obtained by commercial janitorial contractors through the DAS Pilot Program.

As of August 2009, there are six Pilots totaling just over \$3 million.

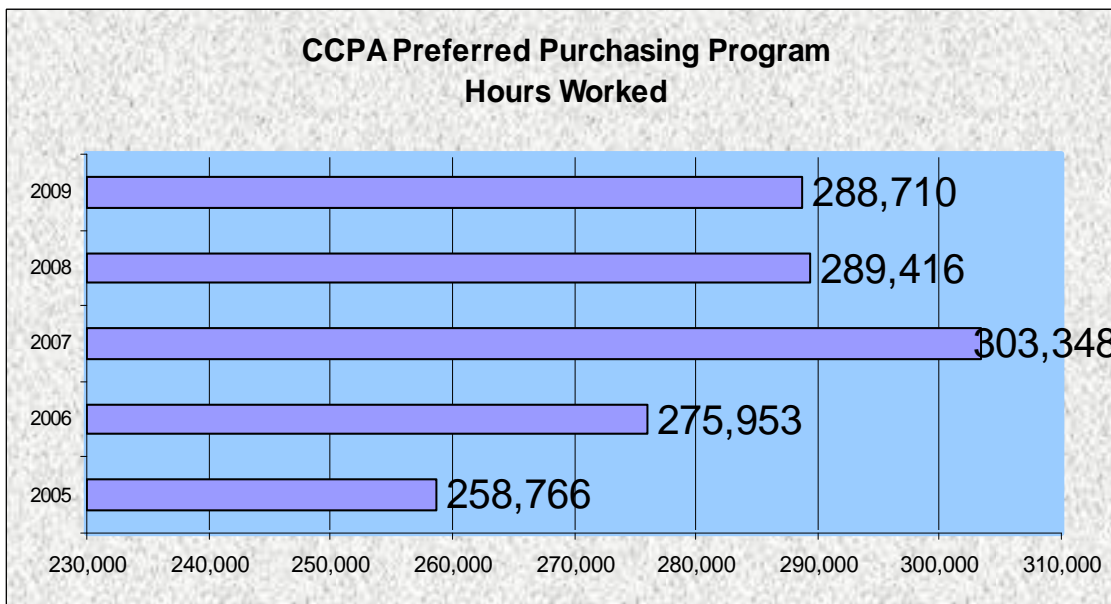
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Average Wages: \$9.13 Per Hour



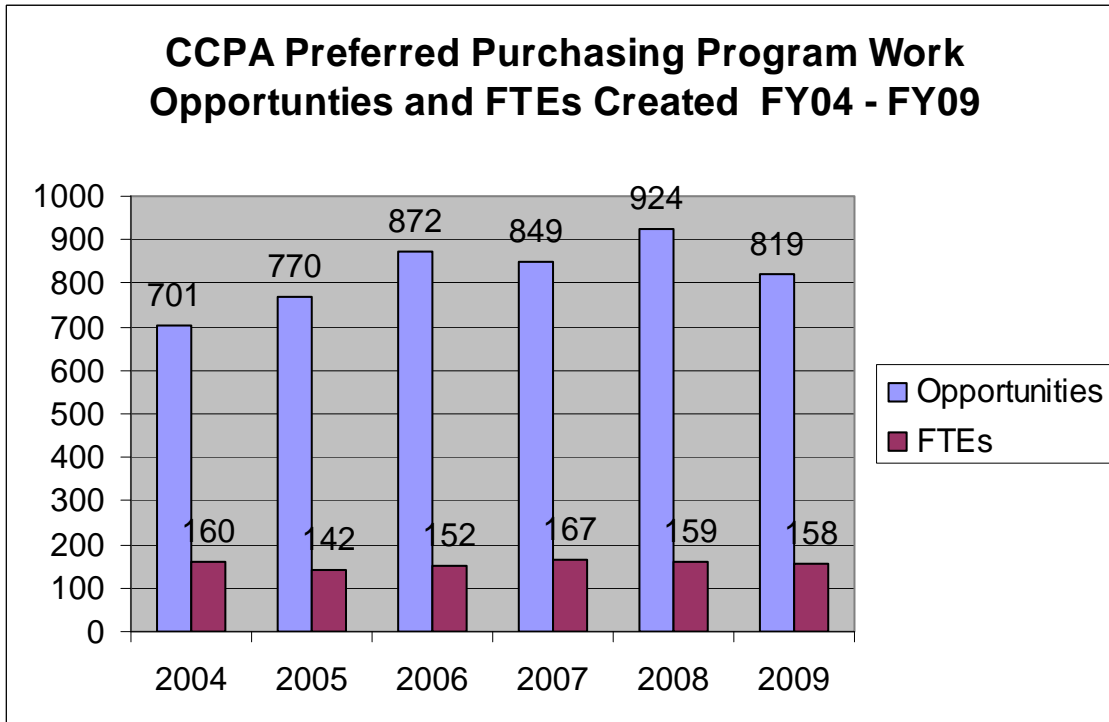
Hours of Work: 288,710 in FY09



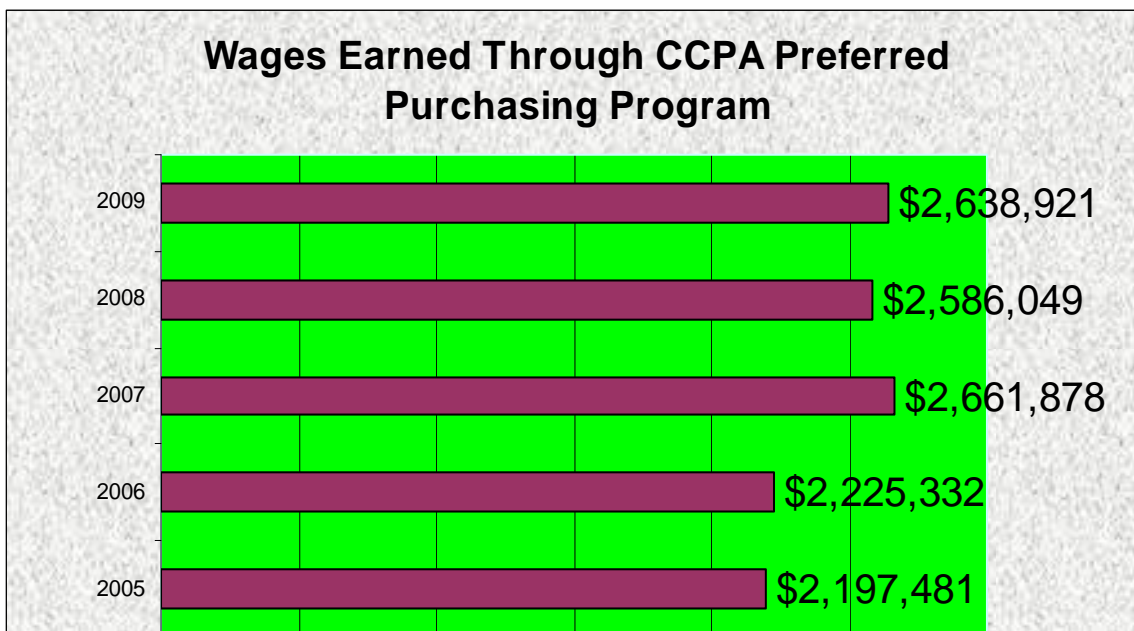
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Job Opportunities in 2009



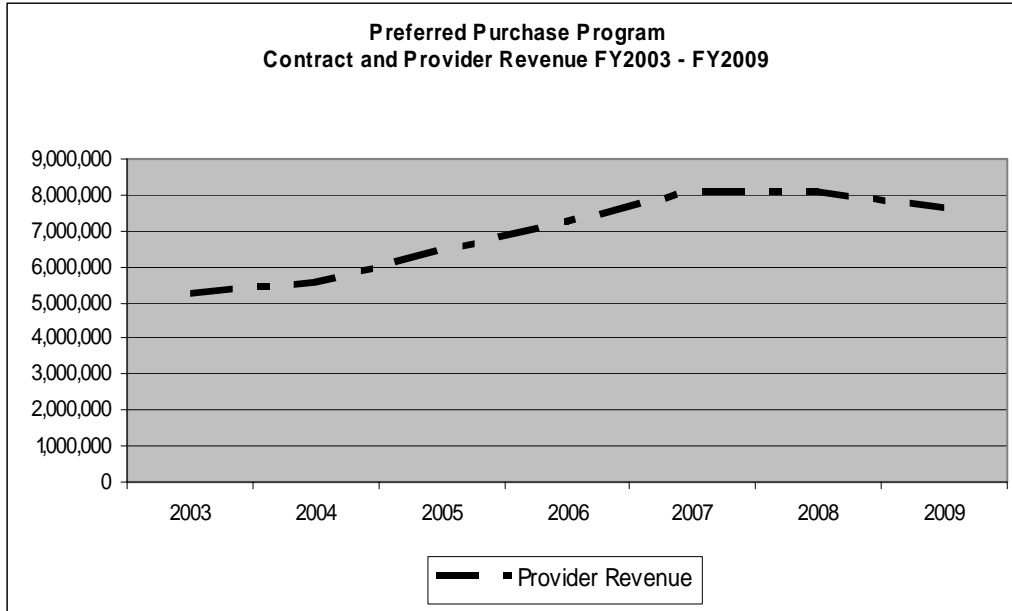
Wages Earned in 2009



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Provider Revenue 2003 -2009



Compliance in 2009

