John O'Connor, Controller  
Western Connecticut State University  
181 White Street  
Danbury CT

Dear Colleague:

I am pleased to provide you with your agency's Connecticut State Agency Tax Exemption Number. You may give this number to your vendors, along with the Governmental Agency Exemption Certificate, as further evidence that your agency is exempt from Connecticut sales and use taxes on the purchase or lease of tangible personal property and services, except for meals and lodging. Qualifying state agencies still must get DRS advance approval for sales and use tax exemptions for meals and lodging.

Tax exemption numbers are being issued only to Connecticut state agencies. They are not being assigned to agencies of the United States government or to municipalities or their agencies.

DRS has decided to issue these numbers to help remedy the ongoing difficulties state government agencies and their retailers have had substantiating the agency's tax-exempt status. Additionally, we intend to examine how our various sales and use tax exemption certificates—including the Governmental Agency Exemption Certificate—might be streamlined and simplified for both purchasers and retailers.

For more information on the tax exemption number policy, please see Policy Statement PS 98(4), Tax Exemption Numbers For Connecticut State Agencies (enclosed), or call the DRS Taxpayer Services Division at 860-297-5962. As always, I welcome your comments and suggestions. Feel free to e-mail me through our Web site at http://www.state.ct.us/drs.

Sincerely,

Gene Gavin, Commissioner

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The Connecticut State Agency named on this certificate is exempt from Connecticut sales and use taxes on the purchase or lease of tangible personal property and services, except for meals and lodging. This permit is issued pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §12-412(1)(A).