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**GST West Virginia Supports House Bill 4031,
Will Take Part in Historic Bill Signing Ceremony**

Charleston, WV – The bill that will help make it easier to do business with West Virginia government was signed into law by Governor Manchin today. House Bill 4031, or the so-called “Purchasing Reform Bill,” passed both houses of the legislature on the last week of the regular session. The purpose of the measure is to safeguard the resources of the state and streamline the state purchasing process as well as allow state agencies to utilize the federal Government Services Administration’s (GSA) pricing.

“We proposed this measure to give the state’s purchasing division better tools to work with,” explained Governor Joe Manchin, D, WV. “We’re grateful companies across West Virginia have supported our efforts to improve the way government does business.”

“Global Science & Technology applauds Governor Manchin and his administration on the success of 4031,” said GST-West Virginia President Wade Linger, “West Virginia now joins many other states that have taken this step to streamline the purchasing process by taking advantage of this federal program.”

GSA is the federal government’s premier acquisition agency whose mission is to help other agencies better serve the public by meeting – at best value - their needs for products and services. Under the new law, the State of West Virginia can take part in a cooperative purchasing agreement with the federal government. Cooperative purchasing allows for the Administrator of General Services to provide state and local government access to items offered through the GSA, Federal Supply Schedule 70 for Information Technology (IT) services.

GST, along with many other West Virginia companies, holds a GSA IT Schedule 70 contract. Linger credits Governor Manchin with creating the environment in which many West Virginia-based small companies can thrive. “Now West Virginia state government agencies can access those companies with the same ease and efficiency as does the federal government. This is a great example of how Governor Manchin is working to improve West Virginia.” Linger concluded.



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Wade Linger, along with GST-West Virginia Director of State and Commercial Projects Cannon Wadsworth, Software Developer Daniel Carter and Director of Corporate Public Relations John Dahlia will attend the bill signing ceremony scheduled to take place Tuesday, April 4th at 11 a.m. in the Governor's Reception Room in Charleston.

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