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State of Georgia to Sell Surplus Property Online through Public Auction Sites

The Georgia State Agency for Surplus Property (GSASP) was established by legislation in 1977 to distribute surplus federal and state property. The agency took over functions that existed in some form since 1945. Housed in the Georgia Department of Administrative Services, GSASP is self-supporting from sales and distribution fees.

GSASP enables tax-supported and certain nonprofit organizations to take advantage of federal laws on donation of valuable, surplus federal property. Nonprofit organizations must meet eligibility requirements and provide health care, educational and homeless services in Georgia.

Unused property is turned over to GSASP from within state government –agencies and offices, law enforcement, prisons, parks, schools, colleges, road construction and maintenance, and others.

The inventory typically offers office furniture and equipment, school desks, food service appliances such as refrigerators and ovens, shop machinery, bulk quantities of computer and electronic components, and vehicles ranging from sedans, vans, and patrol cars to dump trucks and dozers. Browsers may also come across some unique finds; currently on the floor of the Atlanta warehouse are a set of kettle drums, two pianos, CPR dummies, a stretcher, a pair of ATVs, a box of orange gym shorts and blue jeans, and a sofa. The outside lot features a vintage hook-and-ladder fire truck.

The state of Georgia will begin selling this surplus property online. It will be available online through a state government website for a period of thirty days. This period benefits city and county governments and eligible non-profit organizations, which by policy have the first pick of surplus properties. Incoming surplus items will be posted and pictured on the state website. Any property not purchased will be rolled over to public auction sites, such as eBay, after the 30-day period.

Previously, private citizens and organizations had to be registered and present for one of the periodic public auctions at warehouses located in Atlanta, Americus, or Swainsboro to acquire surplus property. This new service opens the surplus market to individuals, charities, community programs, churches, and other groups. Instead of spending time and travel to shop at one of the state's three warehouses,

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they will now be able to browse the inventory of all three distribution points by computer from anywhere in the state. Items no longer serving their original purpose in state agencies can now be recycled more efficiently to government agencies or sold to the public.

The state received approximately \$1.6 million in FY2004 through the public sale of its surplus property. The most recent public auctions held in September and October at the three state warehouses brought a total of nearly \$800,000 in sales. More than half of the revenue -- \$440,000 -- was returned to the agencies which donated the items. Over 800 vehicles were sold in the three auctions.

In less than three months since the September 15 auction cleared the Atlanta warehouse, 13,681 pieces have arrived to take their place, including 144 vehicles, nearly 4,000 computer monitors, CPUs, printers, scanners, and other parts, and 5,800 pieces of office furniture and equipment.

Links:

State Surplus Auction Site:

<http://gasurplus.doas.state.ga.us/apps/gss/SurplusItems.nsf/WebSealedBids?OpenView>

eBay:

<http://cgi6.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?MfcISAPICommand=ViewListedItems&since=30&userid=JCOS365&include=0&rows=50&sort=3>

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