

AUTOCHOICE DARE TO COMPARE!

AUTOCHOICE is the Automotive Division's newest website at <http://pub.fss.gsa.gov/motor/automotive/>, which allows Federal agencies to choose vehicle models and compare contract prices for vehicles from DaimlerChrysler, Ford, and General Motors. This website will allow customers to view the prices of the base vehicle, equipment options, GSA 1% surcharge, and the total selling price for each model selected. In addition, the MPG (miles per gallon) of each model will be displayed. Customers can now select vehicles offering the best value that will meet their agencies' needs.

This website also links you to the Federal Vehicle Standards. For more information, contact the Customer CARE, Marketing and Systems Branch on (703) 308-CARS.

FLEET MANAGEMENT REORGANIZES

Effective October 1, 1999, the Jackson, MS Field Office, formerly the Mississippi Fleet Management Center (FMC), was incorporated into and became the responsibility of the Tennessee/North Mississippi FMC, formerly the Tennessee FMC. For assistance in northern MS, you may contact David Grantham or Rick Ingram at (601) 965-4555. You may also contact Richard Byrd, Manager, Tennessee/North Mississippi FMC at (615) 736-2324.

Effective October 1, 1999, the Stennis Space Center Subcenter was designated the Stennis Space Center Field Office and incorporated into and became the responsibility of the Alabama/Gulf Coast FMC, formerly the Alabama FMC. For assistance in this area, you may contact Garland Sylvest at (228) 688-2064 or Jeff Burdo, Manager, Alabama/Gulf Coast FMC at (256) 820-9788.

GSA FEDERAL SUPPLY SERVICE OFFICE IN A CAR

At the St. Louis Partnership in Administration (PIA) Conference, the Heartland Marketing Staff presented the "Office in a Car" — a GSA fleet vehicle equipped as a mobile office. The intent was to show the flexibility and new technology that is available for the worker who spends a great deal of time away from the office. A 1998 Ford Taurus was used for the modification; however, any GSA Fleet vehicle could be modified. In order to accommodate the components/equipment being utilized, the passenger seat was removed from the Taurus. This was not seen as a disadvantage as most employees travel in a GOV alone. The first piece of equipment installed in the car was a 1750-watt power inverter, which was used to convert the car's 12-volt battery to a 110-volt power supply, allowing any additional components/equipment to operate on normal household power. The main

component utilized in the "Office in a Car" was a Dell Latitude Laptop personal computer that operates all other components, including a Canon BJC-80 color



bubble jet printer that can be converted to a color sheet fed scanner with the addition of an IS-12 color image scanner cartridge. The combination printer/scanner also provides single page Xerox capability. A digital cellular phone was utilized to gain access to the Internet to assist in reaching the LAN system which provides access to files, E-mail, etc. All the components were attached to floor mounted mobile desks that can be adjusted to any configuration.

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GSA DEDICATES \$4 MILLION TO INCREASE NUMBER OF ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES

Matching Funds Will Help Federal Government Buy More AFVs in 6 Cities

WASHINGTON, DC – Building on the federal government's commitment to a cleaner environment, the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) announced that it will dedicate up to \$4 million to put more alternative fuel vehicles on America's roads.

GSA is partnering with the U.S. Department of Energy in the federal government's Alternative Fuel Vehicle Utilization Supporting Expansion of Refueling (AFV USER) program, commonly referred to as Six Cities. GSA will make up to \$4 million in matching funds available to federal agencies in six cities to cover the cost difference between purchasing AFVs and traditional gasoline-powered vehicles.

The average difference in price between an AFV and other vehicles is \$4,500. That is offset by the significant environmental benefits of alternative fuel vehicles. AFVs emit an average of 60% less carbon dioxide and other pollutants than traditional gasoline-powered cars.

"Putting more AFVs on the street is a major way GSA can help the environment," said GSA Administrator Dave Barram. "This \$4 million is just one part of the Clinton Administration's continued commitment to improving our nation's energy security while reducing vehicle emissions."

Federal agencies in Albuquerque, N.M.; Denver, Colo.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Salt Lake City, Utah; San Francisco, Calif.; and the Melbourne – Titusville, Fla., area can apply

for the \$4 million in matching funds available through GSA's Six Cities program.

The matching funds will be available to federal agencies that:

- Demonstrate a long-term commitment to the future of their AFV program.
- Contribute half the cost difference to purchase new AFVs over traditional vehicles.
- Have a strong agency policy to operate the vehicles on alternative fuels.

Additionally, GSA will consider the mission of the agency's vehicle fleet, supporting infrastructure and involvement in the alternative fuel program.

GSA's \$4 million commitment stems from the Department of Energy's popular Clean Cities program. An interagency working group determined the 6 cities that were target areas for increasing the federal government's use of alternative fuels and providing models for other cities to follow.

Over the past 8 years, GSA has acquired more than 27,000 alternative fuel vehicles for other federal agencies' vehicle fleets, making GSA one of the largest buyers of AFVs in the United States. There are currently more than 13,000 AFVs in GSA's 166,000-vehicle fleet.

Six Cities comes as GSA is implementing "Planet GSA," the agency's environmental initiative that highlights driving green and other areas in which GSA has a federal responsibility.

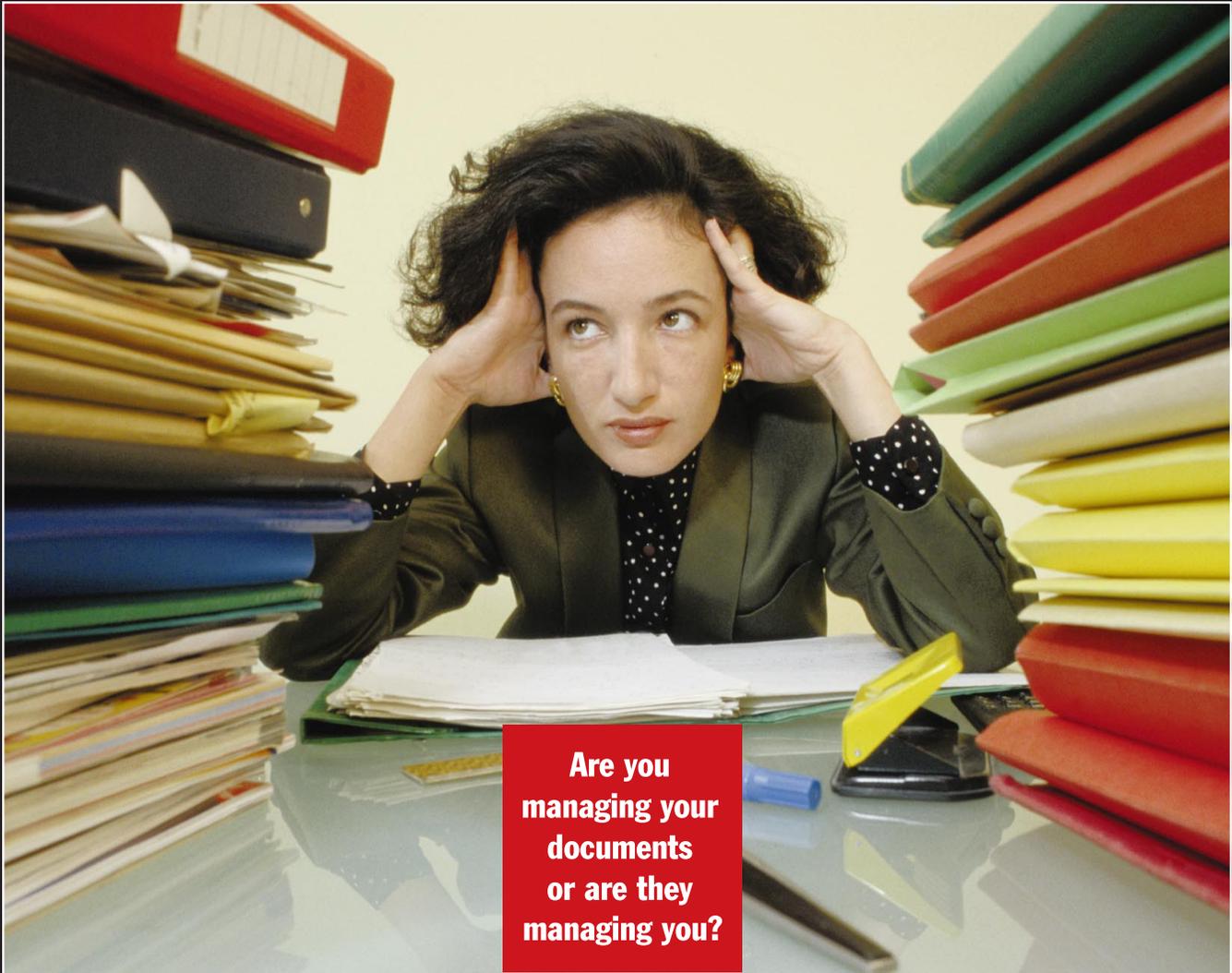
**FLEET MANAGEMENT
MAINTENANCE CONTROL
CENTER (MCC)/ACCIDENT
CONTROL CENTER (ACC)
RELOCATES**

The MCC/ACC will be relocating to new office space at Building 619, 4994 N. 18th Street, next door to the Fleet Management Center at Fort Gillem, GA by December 1. The MCC can be reached 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. (EST) as they are "linked" nationally with MCCs across the nation with one phone number 1-888-622-6344. The ACC can be reached 7:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. (EST) at 1-888-423-6848.

**A NEW YEAR FOR GSA
FLEET DRIVE-THRU!**

Just a reminder! Mileage reporting and vehicle inventory services are available on GSA Fleet Drive-thru at www.fss.gsa.gov/mileageexpress.

If you are not familiar with this site and need more information, visit the FSS website at http://pub.fss.gsa.gov/motor/leasing/mileage_express.stm and download a GSA Fleet Drive-thru User's Guide. Just alone in October 1999, approximately 74,000 vehicle mileages were entered using Mileage Express! We're looking forward to another successful year!



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