

GSA's Personal

Property



Management Program





WHAT do you do when you need an item but have no funds to buy it?

HOW do you stretch your short funding resources?

GSA's Personal Property Management Program has the answers! If we don't have what you need right now, it's likely we will soon. The Federal Disposal System (FEDS) database is a centralized inventory of all excess property available for redistribution to Federal agencies and other authorized activities.

GSA's Personal Property Management Program encompasses several individual programs that have some of the highest public visibility within GSA:

Utilization — excess property is offered for reuse within the Federal government;

Donation — surplus property is offered for use by state and local governments, eligible non-profit organizations, and more; and

Sales — remaining surplus property, exchange/sale property, and confiscated property are offered to the general public for sale.

The Property Management Program has been part of GSA since its inception. The program derives its authority from Title 40 of the U.S. Code, originally enacted as the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949. The Act included language that directed the Administrator of GSA to “prescribe policies and methods to promote the maximum utilization of excess property by executive agencies and he shall provide for the

transfer of excess property among Federal agencies.... and, gave GSA supervision and direction over the disposal of surplus property.

Property management is a national program with representation at each regional location and Area Property Officers (APOs) located throughout the nation. The main program, the Federal disposal program, is a sequential process that strives to maximize the taxpayer investment in government property while accomplishing needed disposal of unneeded property.

Personal property that individual activities of the Federal government no longer need includes all types and categories of property except land or other real property, certain naval vessels, and records of the Federal government. It embraces such items as hand and machine tools, office machines and supplies, furniture, appliances, medical supplies, hardware, clothing, motor vehicles, boats, airplanes, construction equipment, textiles, communications and electronic equipment..... and even sometimes animals.



UTILIZATION

When items are no longer needed by an agency, they are determined to be excess in accordance with Federal Management Regulation 102-36 and are reported to GSA for possible transfer to other Federal agencies. Government regulations mandate that Federal agencies, to the fullest extent practicable, use excess personal property as the first source of supply in meeting their requirements. Excess personal property is any personal property that is no longer required by the holding agency for the discharge of its responsibilities. Each year, hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars are saved by managers who acquire excess property instead of purchasing new property.

Savings are achieved because transfers between Federal agencies are normally made without charge for the property itself. Care, handling, and transportation charges are paid by the receiving agency. If there is depot excess stock, you might even be able to get brand new equipment at no cost!

So, how can you find excess property? Agency property officials may go to our website, fss.gsa.gov/property, for information on how to:

- Screen GSA's nationwide inventory of excess and surplus property electronically by accessing the Federal Disposal System (FEDS);

- Contact Area Property Officers (APOs), our field representatives, who can assist you with screening and acquiring excess property and assisting in the donation and sales processes; and

- Contact the appropriate GSA Personal Property Management Office for information on available excess property.

REPORTING EXCESS PROPERTY

Of course, before excess property can be screened for reuse, FSS has to know it exists. It has to be reported. Excess property is reported to GSA using either the FEDS electronic online disposal system or, if necessary, manually preparing an SF 120, Report of Excess Personal Property, and submitting it to the Personal Property Management Office responsible for the geographic area in which the property is physically located. All excess property is to be reported to GSA for utilization and donation screening.

ACQUIRING EXCESS PERSONAL PROPERTY

The following organizations are eligible to obtain excess property:

- Federal agencies, including wholly-owned government corporations
- Cost-reimbursable government contractors
- Federal cooperatives and project grantees
- District of Columbia municipal government
- Architect of the Capitol, U.S. Congress
- Federal judicial agencies
- Mixed-ownership corporations as defined in the Government Corporation Act
- Certain non-Federal agencies eligible to use GSA sources of supply

Ok, so what can I get through the utilization program?

Again, virtually anything the government uses becomes available, unless it has little value, like a well-worn pencil. In addition, unusual items and items that may be extremely valuable to a particular program often become available. Sometimes it is difficult for us to be certain which is a greater success, helping an activity find excess property they have a need for, or helping an activity dispose of property it no longer needs.

Here are a few examples of the types of property that are transferred within the Federal government:

It is always fulfilling to find a story that displays a real Federal commitment to preserving our national heritage. Such is the case in GSA's support of the Gettysburg National Military Park (GNMP) in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Over the past two years, the GSA property management program in the Mid-Atlantic Region has provided significant support to the park enabling it to maintain the historical landscape, monuments, and structures that comprise the Gettysburg battlefield. Specifically, this property has involved several key items geared to preservation purposes, including industrial cable used for deconstructing an aging observation tower; a loader-backhoe used in landscaping projects; cabinets and lockers needed for storing paints and preservation items; and considerable supplies of tools, accessories, and parts used for restoring artillery, cavalry, and infantry apparatus. These items, and others, have allowed the GNMP Maintenance Division to supplement its resources and keep pace with the demands placed on maintaining the over 5,000 acres, 1,300 monuments, and 400 cannons in the park. The GSA takes great pride in dedicating its property management efforts to helping ensure the preservation of one of the great historical sites in America . . . a place that helps define us as a nation.





The Southeast Sunbelt Region's Property Management Division transferred two excess 41' Coast Guard utility vessels to the Boston Harbor Islands National Park. These vessels are used to support homeland security in Boston Harbor that is the home of Logan Airport, John J. Moakley U.S. Courthouse, and the U.S.S. Constitution, a national treasure. The vessels provide support for public safety, law enforcement and resource management programs within the National Park. These vessels had a total original acquisition cost of \$379,000...a direct savings to the National Park Service.

The Mid-Atlantic Region's Property Management Division transferred two special purpose vessels for the U.S. Coast Guard in Baltimore, Maryland. The vessels, two T-AGOS 6 class, counter surveillance vessels—the *Vindicator* and *Persistent*—had original acquisition costs of \$27,125,893 and \$27,023,522, respectively. The *Vindicator* was transferred to the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), in Norfolk, Virginia and is used to replace one of the outdated NOAA vessels; the *Persistent* was transferred to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, headquartered in Washington, DC, for assignment to Ft. Skyler, New York as part of the Homeland Security program.

The GSA Personal Property Center (PPC) is another aspect of the Property Management Program. The PPC provides a vital

alternative solution for Federal agencies disposing of their excess personal property. In addition Federal, state, and non-profit organizations can obtain excess personal property. The PPC, located 15 minutes from Washington, DC, in Springfield, Virginia, serves the greater Washington area, including eastern Maryland and Virginia. For a nominal fee, the PPC acts as a repository for deliveries of excess property from Federal agencies that are looking for smart dollar-saving options.

Once property is delivered, the PPC takes over full accountability and control of the excess items on behalf of the agencies—saving time and cumbersome arrangements for outside screenings, customer visits, and storage. The PPC handles all details of the utilization, donation, and sales processes. It's that simple! The PPC then offers the usable property to Federal, state, and other entities for transfer or donation at no cost to them, except for transportation.

By consolidating property available from many sources, the PPC also generates its own success stories. Some recent support includes:

Working with the Transportation Security Agency (TSA) at both Dulles International and Ronald Reagan Washington National Airports. Equipment available from the PPC helped TSA establish its operations at these airports by transferring excess furniture and miscellaneous computer equipment for a total acquisition value of \$45,525.

(Assisting the Office of Personnel Management in obtaining 126 excess file cabinets located in Springfield for a total acquisition value of \$35,154). These cabinets house the Federal government's retirement-related personnel records at the Retirement Operation Center in Boyers, PA.

Working with the Agency for International Development (AID) to transfer 1,966 pieces of excess furniture for a total acquisition cost of \$111,455. This furniture was shipped to the Ukraine and Moldova by Counter International and to Jamaica through Food for the Poor. In addition, the PPC transferred \$73,950 worth of excess computer equipment to AID in Honduras.

Transferring 76 excess monitors to the U.S. Army Personnel Command (PERSCOM) for use by their Casualty Affairs Office located in Alexandria, VA. This office is a 24-hour operation dealing with military casualties and affected family members resulting from the U.S. war in Iraq. GSA helped PERSCOM realize the benefits of choosing excess property as a primary supply source, as this free excess computer equipment had an original acquisition value of \$22,800. The Mid-Atlantic Region's Property Center also provided PERSCOM with

268 pieces of excess miscellaneous furniture and office supplies at no cost, saving PERSCOM an additional \$21,934.

DONATION

The Federal Surplus Personal Property Donation Program enables certain non-Federal organizations to obtain property that the Federal government no longer needs. Title 40 of the United States Code provides for the transfer of surplus personal property to State Agencies for Surplus Property (SASPs) for donation to eligible activities within the United States.

DISTRIBUTION OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY

In accordance with the law, SASPs have been established by each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam and American Samoa to distribute surplus personal property. The SASPs advise applicants of eligibility requirements and procedures to be followed in acquiring Federal surplus personal





property and of the conditions and restrictions placed on the property. Most SASPs operate on a self-sustaining basis and assess recipients a service charge to cover handling, transportation, and administrative expenses.

CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS ON PROPERTY

Clear title to donated property is not granted until a specified period of time has elapsed and the donee has fulfilled all Federal and state restrictions imposed on the property. Federal restrictions require that all property be placed into use by the donee within one year of acquisition and be used for at least one year thereafter.

The major categories of eligible recipients are:

- Public agencies
- Non-profit educational and public health activities, including programs for the homeless
- Non-profit and public programs for the elderly
- Public airports
- Educational activities of special interest to the Armed Services

GSA works closely with the SASPs to ensure that the maximum amount of property is available to them for distribution within each state and territory, increasing the benefit to taxpayers from their investment in property.

The donation program is of great value to the states and the many active participants in the program. The savings to state and local governments are significant as is the contribution to the benefit and welfare of citizens throughout the nation. Although the dollar savings do not always sound significant, for many small communities, surplus property can be a real budget saver.

Examples of donations and their benefits include:

The children fidget. The proud parents smile. The tension builds. It is graduation time. But this isn't the average grade school or even high school graduation. The children gathered at the YMCA of Centre Avenue in Pittsburgh are about to become the first graduating class from the Y's Computer Training Class.

The YMCA of Pittsburgh provides 282 different services to approximately 40,000 members annually. The child care programs alone serve over 2,300 individuals, with an average length of four hours per day for school age children. Most of the children served come from economically disadvantaged families, and the YMCA provides the much-needed student support system for their clients, helping with homework, teaching study skills — and now, teaching computer classes.

The YMCA of Pittsburgh, recognizing that many of the residents whom it serves would soon fall through the gap between the haves and the have-nots, decided to take matters into their own hands and provide computer training to the community. Better than that, the YMCA provides a whole new future to the students and parents that it serves.

Recently, the YMCA obtained 600 computers through the Pennsylvania Federal Surplus Property Program — computers that were desperately needed, but ordinarily beyond the means of the YMCA if purchasing as new as the only option. Given

the fact that the YMCA serves over 2,300 students, 600 computers may seem like a drop in the bucket, but it is a drop that produces significant ripples.

When the vessel loan program of the U.S. Customs Service—a program to assist local law enforcement—was halted, Customs found itself floundering. In jumped the Federal Supply Service with a plan to donate the surplus—a total of 85 boats valued at \$3.4 million—to police groups in 15 states and territories, from Puerto Rico to California. The project was recently completed—with the key “partnering” assistance of several state agencies for Surplus Property—and together they “trimmed the sails” to get things done. The boats ranged from 13 to 33 feet in length and, in simple nautical terms, made a big splash!

A used Pratt & Whitney aircraft engine was donated to the Federal Surplus Program of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for use by the Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics. The engine, valued at \$1.1 million, was obtained from surplus supplies of the Pratt & Whitney Engine Service, a government contractor located in West Virginia. Although rendered non-operable for actual flight, the engine is expected to aid considerably in the study of aeronautics at the institute.





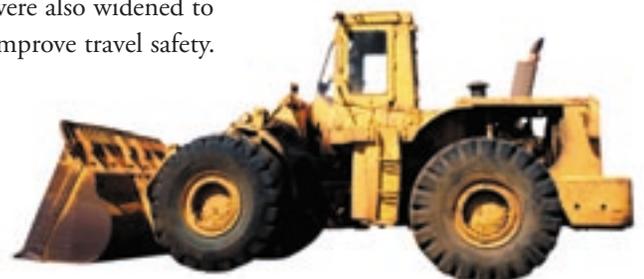
The Mid-Atlantic Region's Property Management Office in Washington, DC issued over 4,000 pieces of office furniture and equipment, with a total purchase of over \$732,000, to the City of Baltimore, Maryland. The city acquired the surplus items from a renovation project at the U.S. Social Security Administration headquarters in Woodlawn, Maryland. By utilizing surplus property from the FSS Property Management Program, the City of Baltimore is expected to achieve significant savings for city and state operations.

Customs' Headquarters requested that the FSS Property Management Office in the Southeast Sunbelt Region handle the disposal of all the Customs Boat Loan vessels. This was a program Customs maintained in which they loaned vessels to local law enforcement agencies. Due to budget restraints, Customs had to bring this program to an end. Over the course of several months, GSA disposed of 74 boats with an acquisition cost of \$2,859,953.86 and 94 support items (trailers, motors, etc.) with an acquisition cost of \$322,026.36. These boats were located in 15 states and territories. Seventy of the boats ended up

being donated to local law enforcement agencies for use on waterways.

The Parks Department of Jefferson City, MO saved over \$21,100 on installation of upgrades to security lighting at local ball fields by obtaining light fixtures and 1,000 watt sports security lights with ballasts from the Missouri SASP.

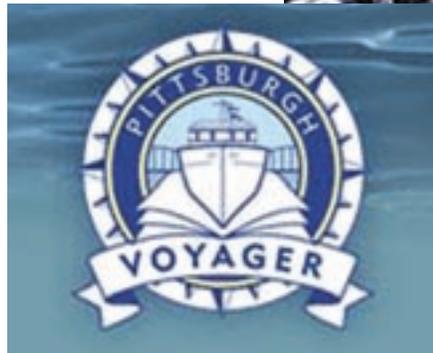
Maries County, MO, with a population of only 8,473, obtained a full-tracked Caterpillar dozer for a service fee of only \$9,000. The dozer was in perfect working condition and was used to assist in damage control from flooding in the area. The first job of the dozer was to repair a flood damaged bridge. The entire road and approach had been completely washed away. About a thousand yards of material had to be replaced and leveled at the site. Several miles of roads in the area were also widened to improve travel safety.



And, for all this, the dozer was acquired at only one third of market value....

Did you ever wish that you could capture a child's interest and educate them at the same time? Did you ever wish that your classroom could be a hands-on learning environment for your students to experience instead of just observe? And, did you ever wish that you could simply move your whole classroom outdoors for the day? Then the Pittsburgh Voyager in Allegheny County is a dream come true for you!

Based upon the anonymous quotation, "Tell me, I'll forget; show me, I might remember; involve me, and I'll understand", the men and women of Pittsburgh Voyager have worked hard to create a river-based, hands-on educational experience for middle and intermediate school students in grades 5-10 in the Pittsburgh area.



What does any of this have to do with the Federal Surplus Property Program? The concept of the Pittsburgh Voyager's training program began back in 1990 when members of the educational and business communities realized the incredible potential of a floating classroom on Pittsburgh's largest natural resource — the three rivers. As the idea began to take shape, the coordinator of the project sought a number of donations from the surrounding community, the Department of Education and, of course, the Pennsylvania Federal Surplus Property Program.

The PA SASP was pleased to be able to provide Pittsburgh Voyager with their first boat, an eighty-foot long yard patrol craft that had originally been built as a naval training vessel. Once it obtained the boat, Pittsburgh Voyager set about the monumental task of converting it from a naval training vessel to a classroom suitable for children. The Voyager I now houses a science and navigation laboratory, computer workstations and appropriate materials to provide its students with a complete, hands-on classroom experience.

But, a visit to the Pittsburgh Voyager is not just another field trip. At least one month before their class is scheduled to board the Voyager, teachers attend an orientation program at the Carnegie Science Center. The



teachers are also given a Captain's Chest filled with the materials they will need for the classroom instruction leading up to their voyage. Included in the kit are many items that may not normally be found in the average middle school classroom — chemical kits for testing water quality; macroinvertebrate specimens; charts and slides for study of local

biology; a cloud chart; a river cutters' manual for studying physical geography; video tapes, slides and photographs of Pittsburgh's bridges; maps; river navigation charts; and binoculars. An accompanying Teacher's Treasure Chest contains the manuals and resources to assist the teacher in the presentation of the materials.

Once on board, the Voyager offers her students a wide variety of inter-disciplinary studies. Water and aquatic life samples are collected and tested, as well as the accompanying meteorological and habitat information. Students learn about the boat itself, how to steer her and how to safely navigate her course. They also learn about economic development along the riverfront, all tied together with what they can see and observe on the river today. There are also lessons for discussion when the students return to the classroom so that they can compare notes on their Voyager experience after they return to land.

"Involve me, I'll understand" works wonders for the children who experience all that Pittsburgh Voyager has to offer. And associates at the Pennsylvania Federal Surplus Property Program are proud to help make this educational dream come true.

On Any Given Day, You Can Find These Items in FEDS...

Adhesives to Zoom Lenses..... And alphabetically, everything in-between.....

- A** Abdominal Machine, Adapter Kit, Adhesive, Air Conditioner, Aircraft Parts, Alarms, All Terrain Vehicle, All Weather Coats, Aluminum, Anchor, Antennas, Answering Machines
- B** Baby Scale, Backhoes, Bakery Display Case, Ball Bearings, Bandsaw, Bass Guitar, Basketball Hoops, Batteries, BDUs, Belts, Bicycles, Binoculars, Blankets, Boats, Bookcases, Bowling Balls, Bugle
- C** Candy Baskets, Calculators, Camcorders, Cameras, Canteens, Carpets, Cash Registers, Ceiling Fan, Cell Phones, Centrifuge, Chairs, Computers, Copiers, Coveralls
- D** Dehumidifiers, Dental Equipment, Desks, Detergent, Dishwasher, Drafting Supplies, Drill Press, Duffel Bags
- E** Easel, Edger/Trimmer, Electron Tubes, Enamel Paint, Engines, Envelopes, Exercise Bikes
- F** Fans, Fax Machines, Fencing, Field Gear, File Cabinets, First Aid Kits, Floor Polishers, Food Service Equipment, Forklifts, Freezers, Fryers, Furniture
- G** Gas Mask, Gas Detector, Gauges, Gallery Equipment, Game System, Garbage Disposal, Gas Alarm, Gas Chromatograph, Gas Engine, Glass, Globe, Glove, Goggles, Graphics, Grill, Grinder, Guns, Guitar, Gyroscope
- H** Hammer, Hand-held Radios, Hand Tools, Hand Truck, Hard Drive, Hardware, Headboards, Helmet, Horse, Hose, Hospital Beds, Household Goods, Hospital Equipment, Hub, Humidifier, Hutch Desk, Hydraulic Fluid
- I** Ice Making Machine, Ignition Box, Illumination System, Infant Incubator, Infant Scale, Inflatable Boat, Inkjet, Inertial Navigation, Integration Hardware, Intercom Radio
- J** Juke Box Autopilot, Jack, Jacket, Jet Ski, Jewelry, Jig Saw, Joy Stick, Jumpsuits
- K** Kayak, Kettle Team Jacket, Key Equipment, Keyboard, Knobs
- L** Lab Cart, Label Machine, Ladder, Laminator, Lamps, Landing Gear, Laptops, Laser Printers, Launcher, Law Books, Lawn Equipment, Lead, Lettering Machine, Life Pack, Lift, Locker, Lounge Chair
- M** Microfiche Viewer, Mini-van, Monitors, Mower, Machine Gun, Magazine Dispenser, Magnesium Alloy, Magnet Wire, Manifold, Markers, Masks, Mattress, Measuring Equipment, Meat Cutter, Medical Equipment, Microscope, Microwave, Milling Machine, Mirrors, Miter Saw, Mixer, Modem, Monitors, Mowers, Musical Instruments
- N** Nameplates, News Gathering System, Night Stand, Nintendo System, Nozzle, Nut
- O** O-ring, Office Equipment, Ohmmeter, Oil Pump Assembly, Ophthalmoscope, Optical Equipment, Orthopedic Equipment, Oscillograph, Oscilloscope, Outboard Motor, Oven, Overalls
- P** Pallet Jack, Peg Boards, Photographic Equipment, Picture Frames, Pressure Washer, Printers, Pacemaker, Packing Material, Pad, Paddle, Parachute, Pager, Paint, Pallet, Palm Pilot, Paper, Patio Chairs, Periscope, Photographic Equipment, Piano, Pictures, Pistol, Plate, Plotter, Plugs, Pole, Potato Peeler, Power Cords, Power Supply Assembly, Pressure Washer, Printers, Projection Equipment
- Q** Quad Assembly, Quad Comparator, Quartz Crystal
- R** Refrigerator, Rabbit Rack, Rack, Radar Set, Radiator, Radio, Rail, Reactor, Reader, Recorder, Relay, Remote Control Unit, Resistor, Retainer, Rings, Rivet, Robot, Rotor, Rowing Machine, Rhythm Processor
- S** Shelving Storage, Sound Recording, Saddle, Safe, Safety Boot, Sander Belt, Satellite Dish, Saw, Scanner, Screw, Seal, Sewing Machine, Shelf, Shelter-tent, Shield, Shipping Case, Shock Absorber, Shovel, Simulator, Sleeping Bag, Speakers, Spectrometer, Storage Case, Stretcher, Surgical Equipment, Switch Assembly, Synthesizer
- T** Tables, Telephones, Trucks, Tractor, Tabulating Paper, Tachometer, Tanks, Tape Drive, Television, Teletypewriter, Temperature Indicator, Tent, Textiles, Thermometer, Tires, Toner Cartridge, Tool Box, Torch, Towels, Tractor, Trailer, Transceiver, Transformer, Transistor, Transmission Set, Transmitter, Treadmill, Truck Lift
- U** U. V. Exposure Unit, U-Tank, Ultrasonic Equipment, URO Pump, Utility Cart
- V** Vacuum, Vail, Valve, Van, Vaporizer, VCR, Ventilator, Vest, Video Equipment, Vital Monitor, Vision System, Voltage
- W** Washer, Walk-in Freezer, Wall Units, Water Fountain, Water Gage, Water Purification, Wattmeter, Waveguide Assembly, Wax Machine, Weather Computer, Weather Radar, Weight Set, Welding Machine, Wheel Chair, Windshield, Wire, Wooden Desk, Wood Burning Stove, Wool, WorkStation, Wrench
- X** X-ray Equipment, Xylophone
- Y** Yoke Assembly
- Z** Zinc Anodes, Zip Drives, Zoom Lens

SALES

Unlike utilization and donation, which are statutory and regulatory programs mandated for all Federal agencies, the Federal agencies have a choice about whether or not GSA acts as their sales agent.

Public sale is the next step in the sequential disposal process. Property that remains available after the utilization and donation processes can be offered for public sale. Other property, such as exchange/sale property and confiscated property, can be sold without going through the full, formal utilization and donation process.

So, again, almost anything the government uses, and sometimes even property it doesn't use, can be offered to the general public for sale. Most GSA personal property sales are conducted through our online GSA Auctions™ sales site, www.gsaauctions.gov. At this location on the World Wide Web, citizens can access property offered for sale, bid, and purchase..... and even pay online.

Of course, Internet sales are not the only sales method available. At an agency's request, we still conduct live auctions and sealed bid sales. We also use negotiated sales authority when the circumstances of the property or sale deserve such attention.

So, what exactly does personal property sell? Well, recently we've sold a bust of John Lennon, Rolex watches, record collections, and more. Some significant examples of unusual and successful sales include:

Two seized vehicles; the main vehicle was a candy apple red 1990 Corvette ZR1 with only 38,000 miles on it. The other vehicle was a 1988 Ford Ranger Pickup Truck with 117,400 miles on it. Both vehicles had been seized by the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS). These vehicles were sold on GSA Auctions™ and brought in \$20,025 for the Corvette and \$2,013 for the Ranger. For the Corvette, this was \$2,000 more than the USMS asking price and for the Ranger, it was \$1,200 more than the USMS asking price!



The Corps of Engineers in Wilmington, NC contacted GSA about disposing of a 133'7" Dredge – the SCHWEIZER.

The SCHWEIZER was in such bad condition, the Corps wanted to know how much it would cost to have a scrap dealer haul it off. GSA recommended that the Corps not pay for the disposal, but instead give GSA a try at auctioning the vessel. The Corps didn't think anyone would be interested in buying the vessel but agreed to allow an auction.

The SCHWEIZER was placed on GSA Auctions™ and, on February 4, 2002, sold for \$191,585!

Instead of paying someone to haul her off, the Corps got money back to aid in their equipment budget!

The GSA Property Management Division in Denver, Colorado sold a 48-foot yacht located in the southeastern desert of Utah. Sound a little strange to you? The 2000 Sea Ray was reported to GSA for sale by the U.S. Marshals Service. The boat was sold as a result of a court order. It was located at the Bullfrog Marina located on Lake Powell. Despite being offered for sale in the middle of winter, February 2003, the boat was awarded on GSA Auctions™ for a total of \$405,200.

The auction of a former U.S. Coast Guard cutter closed with a winning bid of more than \$60,000. The Tamaroa

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made its debut on the GSA Auctions™ website amid much public interest. Bidding began immediately and eventually included as many as 12 interested parties. Originally the U.S.S. Zuni was a naval salvage tug during World War II. She was later commissioned into the Coast Guard as the Tamaroa where she served for more than 50 years in search and rescue and law enforcement missions. The Tamaroa was in New York Harbor for much of that time, but was sent to New Hampshire in 1984. It was during her tenure there that the Tamaroa helped to rescue survivors of the so-called No-Name Storm of Halloween 1991, which later inspired the popular novel and film, “The Perfect Storm.”

Reported to GSA as excess by the U.S. Coast Guard in January 1994, the decommissioned Tamaroa was initially housed at New York’s Intrepid Sea Air Museum until 1997. It was later housed at the Hudson River Park Conservancy until 2000. Since that time, the Tamaroa was unable to generate long-term interest from potential donees. GSA opted to auction the tug in a final effort to complete disposal for the U.S. Coast Guard and facilitated the establishment of an appropriate home for the vessel.

Associates in the Property Management Program are always dealing with the wide variety of property used by our customer

agencies. Associates in the field, working directly with customer agencies reporting excess and exchange/sale property as well as utilization and donation customers, learn about the commodities most prevalent in their geographic areas. Our associates, unfortunately, do not have an opportunity to specialize in any one property category, but instead develop a broad range of commodity knowledge to assist all of their customers with all of their property management needs.

Our associates also take great pride in the accomplishments of the Property Management Program. We have a direct impact on spending and taxpayer expenditures by furthering use of government property. And, when it can no longer be used, we see a direct return to the U.S. Department of the Treasury or to agencies who can recoup funds for continued operations.

The success and value of this important, but sometimes overlooked, program are recognized by our customers, large and small, day in and day out.

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