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AN INSIDER'S HANDBOOK

OVERVIEW OF GOVERNMENT AUCTIONS

Most people are completely unaware of the bargains that can be found in the most unlikely of places: the government! We're used to reading about the Pentagon paying \$59.00 for a wrench, about the national debt rising higher and higher, so it's excusable to not think of government and "sales" in the same sentence.

Yet nearly every level of government from city and town on up through county, state and federal, has possession of excess property that must be disposed. If this can be accomplished and money raised at the same time, why not? We want government to be fiscally responsible, right?

The most common methods of parting with this overage of property is through auction sales. These affairs offer a unique opportunity to the right person --- purchases at bargain basement prices that you can turn around and sell at a profit! The money to be made staggers the imagination.

Whether it's property seized by police officers or customs officials to repossessions by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, there are thousands of items of all types available at rock-bottom prices. Whether you're merely buying for yourself or seeing this as a line of business that could make you a substantial profit, the key is to identify and locate these auctions.

You name it! Houses, cars, jewelry, yachts, farm Gov't equipment, computers, firewood, it's there for the bidding --- and the buying! And, eventually --- the selling for profit!

You don't need much experience for this. You are familiar with what many of these items cost today on the open market. If you buy it far enough below market value, you can still sell the property yourself at a discount and make a handsome profit.

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If you yourself have always wanted to own a luxury yacht, here's your chance. You'll never find your dream purchase at a lower price.

You could even start a second-hand store or set up shop at a flea market or swap shop to peddle your merchandise after you've acquired it. Many of these places are havens for shoppers. You've simply gone them one better by obtaining the good(s) at an even lower price than they'll pay -- and be pleased with their "bargain".

The purpose of our booklet is to point you in the right direction to find out about the various auctions that are held by virtually all branches of government. The listings in this book are as up to date as possible. Contacting these places listed should give you the information you need to begin your auction attendance.

There are open-bidding auctions where you shout out the dollar value you're willing to pay following a minimum bid requirement called by the auctioneer. There are also sealed-bid auctions where you submit the price you're willing to pay. You only get one shot at that type of bidding.

Be careful with the open bid auctions. You can become so focused on a particular piece of property that you end up in a "bidding war" for it that ends up with you paying more than you should and cutting well into your eventual profit. Be disciplined! Set a dollar limit ahead of time so that you can let certain items go if the bidding goes too high. This is a business now, so common money sense is important. You must now think in terms of expenses vs. revenue.

If you have a certain hobby or interest, property in this area may be your natural market. If you specialize, it can help you concentrate on only those items in the large auctions areas where there are hundreds of people bidding for thousands of goods. Your focus will be in your area and you'll soon be an expert on costs, prices and resale's of this commodity.

Auctions can be hyped up -- to the point of temptation to overbid. Don't do it! Remember your goal, your budget and your knowledge of what things cost and you'll do fine. Through the contacts listed in this booklet, you will find yourself on a regular mailing list of government auctions. Often, with the notice, you'll receive a catalogue of the items to be sold and approximately what time they'll be auctioned. This will allow you to budget your time wisely at these affairs and not get lost in the shuffle.

Good luck!

STATE GOVERNMENT AUCTIONS

These are the state contacts and a brief description of auctions held at this level of government.

ALABAMA: Alabama Surplus Property P.O. Box 210487 Montgomery, AL. 36121 (205) 277-5866

Alabama auctions offer a variety of goods usually three times a year. Items: office equipment, cars, farm machinery, trucks, boats, tractors and more. There is a mailing list you can be placed on.

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ALASKA:Surplus Property Management Office 2400 Viking Drive Anchorage, AK. 99501 (907) 279-0596

It's best to call the Juneau office (907) 465-2172 to be placed on their mailing list. There are weekly auctions of smaller items like furniture and office equipment and spring and fall auctions for larger items like cars.

ARIZONA:Office of Surplus Property 1537 W. Jackson Street Phoenix, AZ. 85007 (602) 542-5701

Auctions four times per year. Items: computers, cars, furniture and thousands of other pieces. Mailing list is available.

ARKANSAS:State Marketing & Redistribution Office 6620 Young Rd. Little Rock, AR. 72209 (501) 565-8645

Mailing list available. Both regular and sealed bid auctions are held. Weekly events.

CALIFORNIA:Office of Fleet Administration 1416 10th Street Sacramento, CA. 95814 (916) 657-2318

Open bid auctions once a month on Saturdays at Sacramento or Los Angeles of surplus vehicles. Mailing list.

COLORADO:Department of Correctional Industries State Surplus Agency 4200 Garfield Street Denver, CO. 80216 (303) 321-2200

Several auctions per year. Mailing list is available. Non-profit organizations have first choice.

CONNECTICUT:60 State St. Rear Wethersfield, CT. 06109 (203) 566-7018 (or 7190)

Eight to ten auctions per year. Vehicles usually auctioned on the second Saturday of the month. Registration fee.

DELAWARE:Division of Purchasing Surplus Property P.O. Box 299 Delaware City, DE. 19706 (302) 834-4550

In May and September, there are public auctions of vehicles, office furniture and other surplus property. Mailing list is available.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIADepartment of Public Works 5001 Shepard Parkway Washington, D.C. 20032 (202) 404-1068

Vehicle auctions held the first and third Tuesday of the month. No mailing list. Registration fee.

FLORIDADepartment of Management Services 813A Lake Bradford Road Tallahassee, FL. 32304

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(904) 488-5272

This address is a "retail" store with items available for sale. Motor Vehicle Bureau (904) 488-5178 holds vehicle auctions once a month at various locations throughout the state.

GEORGIA:Department of Administrative Services Purchasing Division, Surplus Property 1050 Murphy Avenue, S.W. Atlanta, Ga. 30310 (404) 756-4800

Several auctions per year, held on the third Wednesday of the month chosen. Mailing list. Items: vehicles, shop equipment, typewriters, computers, copiers and more.

HAWAII No state surplus auctions.

IDAHO Division of Purchasing (208) 327-7465

Idaho's state agencies hold their own auctions. You must contact the specific state agency directly. Auctions advertised in newspaper.

ILLINOIS:Central Management Services Division of Property Control 3550 Great Northern Ave. Springfield, IL. 62707 (217) 793-1813

Auctions held at Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield two or three times per year on Saturdays. Mailing list available for \$20/year. Items: desks, chairs, calculators, cameras, refrigerators and more.

INDIANA:State Surplus Property Section 229 W. New York Street Indianapolis, IN. 46202 (317) 232-0134

Auctions held as needed each year. No mailing list, but contact this office in May for a schedule.

IOWA:Department of Natural Resources Wallace State Office Bldg. Des Moines, IA. 50319 (515) 281-5121

Auction is second Saturday of May for items such as boats, fishing rods, tackle boxes and hunting equipment. The Vehicle Dispatchers Garage holds vehicle auctions three to four times per year. Call (515) 281-5121.

KANSAS:State Surplus Property P.O. Box 19226 Topeka, KS. 66619-0226 (913) 296-2334

Many items left over for sale following offering to state agencies. Contact office for information on events.

KENTUCKY:Office of Surplus Property 514 Barrett Avenue Frankfurt, KY. 40601 (502) 564-4836

Saturday auctions every two to three months as needed. Items: vehicles, desks, chairs, couches, beds, lawnmowers, etc. Mailing list is available.

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LOUISIANA:Division of Administration Louisiana Property Assistance Agency P.O. Box 94095
Baton Rouge, LA. 70804-9095 (504) 342-6849

Auctions held on the second Saturday of each month at 1502 N. 17th St. Items: medical and office equipment, boats, bicycles, televisions, vehicles and more.

MAINE:Office of Surplus Property Station 95 Augusta, ME. 04333 (207) 289-5750

Public auctions five to six times per year. Primarily vehicles. No mailing list.

MARYLAND:Department for Surplus Property P.O. Box 122 8037 Brock Bridge Rd. Jesup, MD.
20794

No public auctions. Address above is a "retail" store for surplus property.

MASSACHUSETTS: State Purchasing Agency Department of Procurement & General Services
Surplus Property One Ashburton Place Boston, MA. 02108 (617) 727-7500

Public auctions six times per year, usually on Saturdays. Vehicles primarily. No mailing list.

MICHIGAN:Department of Management & Budget State Surplus Property P.O. Box 30026
Lansing, MI. 48913 (517) 335-8444

Mailing list. Several auctions per year. Items: office furniture, household goods, machinery, livestock,
vehicles and more.

MINNESOTA:Surplus Operations Office 5420 Highway 8 New Brighton, MN. 55112 (612)
639-4022

About 15 auctions per year held around the state. Items Gov't Auctions include vehicles, boats and snowmobiles along with jewelry, furniture, computers, stereos and more. Mailing list.

MISSISSIPPI:Bureau of Surplus Property P.O. Box 5778 Jackson, MS. 39288 (601) 939-2050

Two to three auctions per year of machinery and vehicles. Mailing list.

MISSOURI:Surplus Property Office Materials Management Section P.O. Drawer 1310 Jefferson
City, MO. 65102 (314) 751-3415

Regular auctions held throughout the year. Items: clothing, office equipment and vehicles. Mailing list.

MONTANA:Property and Supply Bureau 930 Lyndale Avenue Helena, MT. 59620 (406) 444-4514

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One auction a year for vehicles. Mailing list. Other property auctioned the second Friday of each month.

NEBRASKA: Office of Administrative Services Material Division, Surplus Property P.O. Box 94901 Lincoln, NE. 68509 (402) 479-4890

Auctions three to four times per year. Items: office furniture, computers, couches and more. Separate vehicle auctions held. Mailing list.

NEVADA: State Purchasing Division Kinkead Bldg. 400 Capitol Complex Carson City, NV. 89710 (702) 687-4070

Second Saturday in August at 2250 Barnett Way, Reno, Nevada, 89512. Separate sealed bid auction mailing list is available, too. You must bid at least once over two to three auctions or you'll be dropped from the list.

NEW HAMPSHIRE: Office of Surplus Property 78 Regional Drive Building 3 Concord, NH 03301 (603) 271-2126

Two auctions per year of vehicles and other property. Mailing list.

NEW JERSEY: Purchase and Property Distribution Center CN-234 Trenton, N.J. 08625 (609) 530-3300

State vehicle auctions as needed. Mailing list.

NEW MEXICO: Highway & Transportation Department P.O. Box 1149 Santa Fe, N.M. 87504

Last Saturday in September. Vehicles and office equipment. Mailing list.

NEW YORK: Office of General Service Bureau of Surplus Property Bldg. #18, Harriman State Office Bldg. Campus Albany, N.Y. 12226 (518) 457-6335

Frequent auctions around the state. Sold by category. Mailing list.

NORTH CAROLINA: State Surplus Property P.O. Box 33900 Raleigh, N.C. 27636 (919) 733-3889

Sealed bid auctions. Mailing list. Warehouse available to inspect items.

NORTH DAKOTA: Surplus Property Office P.O. Box 7293 Bismarck, N.D. 58507 (701) 224-2273

Annual auction each September. Items: Vehicles, office furniture and equipment. Auction is advertised two days in advance.

OHIO: State and Federal Surplus Property 4200 Surface Road Columbus, OH. 43228 (614)

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466-5052

Public auctions and sealed bid sales several times per year. Mailing list. Items: vehicles, office machines and furniture and more.

OKLAHOMA:Central Purchasing Department Central Services, B-4, State Capitol Oklahoma City, OK. 73105 (405) 521-3046

Several auctions throughout the year. \$10 gets you on a mailing list.

OREGON:Department of General Services Surplus Property 1655 Salem Industrial Dr., N.E. Salem, OR. 97310 (503) 378-4714

Public auctions held every Friday of items such as vehicles, desks, computers, snow plows, horse trailers and more.

PENNSYLVANIA: General Services Department Bureau of Vehicle Management 2221 Forster Street Harrisburg, PA. 17105 (717) 783-3132

Vehicle auctions at least ten times per year. Mailing list. Bureau of Supplies (717-787-4083) also auctions numerous items. Mailing list available.

RHODE ISLAND: Department of Administration Division of Purchase 1 Capitol Hill Providence, R.I. 02908

Rare public auctions, advertised in local papers. Sealed bids to a list of buyers of vehicles and office equipment. Call to see if you can get on the list.

SOUTH CAROLINA:Surplus Property Office Division of General Services 1441 Boston Avenue West Columbia, S.C. 29170 (803) 822-5490

Warehouse is at above address. Auctions held periodically. No mailing list. Public Transportation Office (803-737-1488) keeps a mailing list for its vehicle auctions held every five to six weeks.

SOUTH DAKOTA: Bureau of Administration State Property Management 701 East Sioux Avenue Pierre, S.D. 57501 (605) 773-4935

Two auctions per year, spring and fall. Vehicles. Mailing list.

TENNESSEE:Department of General Services Property Utilization 6500 Centennial Blvd. Nashville, TN. 37243 (615) 741-1711

Periodic auctions of vehicles and assorted machinery. Mailing list.

TEXAS:State Purchasing & General Services Commission P.O. Box 13047 Capitol Station Austin,

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TX. 78711 (512) 463-3445

Every two months, auctions of vehicles, office furniture and machines and highway equipment is held. Mailing list.

UTAH:State Surplus Office 522 South 700 West Salt Lake City, UT. 84104 (801) 533-5885

Auctions of vehicles, office furniture and heavy equipment are held four of five times per year. Mailing list.

VERMONT:Central Surplus Property Agency RD #2 Box 520 Montpelier, VT. 05602 (802) 828-3394

Warehouse at Central Garage on Barre Montpelier Street. Items: office furniture and machines. Public auctions for vehicles in May and September. Mailing list.

VIRGINIA:State Surplus Property P.O. Box 1199 Richmond, VA. 23231 (804) 786-3876

Regular auctions for all types of items including office equipment, computers, tractors, bulldozers and more. Mailing list. Cars auctioned twice a year.

WASHINGTON:Office of Commodity Redistribution 2805 C. St. SW Bldg. 5, Door 49 Auburn, WA. 98001 (206) 931-3931

Central warehouse open noon to 2:30 PM on Fridays. Cash only.

WEST VIRGINIA: State Agency Surplus Property 2700 Charles Avenue Dunbar, W.V. 25064 (304) 766-2626

Auctions every month. Items: chairs, desks, telephones, computers and more. Mailing list.

WISCONSIN:Department of Transportation P.O. Box 7396 Madison, WI. 53707 (608) 266-3965

Warehouse at Hill Farm Bldg., 4802 Sheboygan Avenue. Department of Administration (608-266-8024) holds public auctions every month for vehicles. Mailing list.

WYOMING:State Motor Pool 723 West 19th St. Cheyenne, WY. 82002 (307) 777-7247

Periodic vehicle auctions. Mailing list.

STATE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY There are billions of dollars in this country in unclaimed money sitting in state property offices. Money from uncashed stock dividends, forgotten bank accounts, insurance proceeds, utility deposits, safe deposit boxes and similar uncollected items.

People move, die, lose track of various accounts; it all adds up to huge dollars. After a stipulated

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period of time that this money goes unclaimed, the state is notified and then tries to track down the rightful owners of the money.

How does this affect you? Obviously, if you think you may be the beneficiary of some of that unclaimed money, you can contact your state's department of revenue to find out more. The other possibility is the opportunity to help track down the missing individuals. State resources being slim these days, you may be able to earn a finder's fee by locating the person.

Finder's fees can range fairly high depending on the amount you make someone aware that they're entitled to receive. Some states have formal rules on the fee you could be paid. There is a concern on the states' part about overcharging the beneficiary, so keep the fees reasonable. It is a way to earn some money through your ability to track down people to tell them about their unclaimed cash.

Contact your state's department of revenue for a lead on this information and about any fee restriction or regulation that may exist.

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT The federal government is a regular discount house of values -- if you know where to look. From real estate to cameras to animals to books to vehicles, there's "Blue Light" specials everywhere on Capitol Hill.

There's a catch, of course. The government doesn't advertise their sales. The listings that follow, however, are your contact points for information. This will help you identify and make your purchases.

This is an ongoing enterprise. Government tentacles reach everywhere and there is a constant flow of materials coming in be it from drug raids or IRS seizures. The Post Office has millions of dollars in unclaimed parcels that are sold. Repossessed homes as a result of government foreclosures can bring you the bargain house of your lifetime.

Here are the listings, beginning with the Housing and Urban Development Department.

HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Auctions of foreclosed properties are a regular occurrence. The properties may be houses, apartments or condominiums in various stages of attractiveness. They may need fixing up -- in some cases, considerable work -- but you can find that out and decide what the value is to you. The HUD Home Line is 1-800-767-4483.

The offices:

Region 1 Boston Room 375, Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Federal Building, 10 Causeway St. Boston, MA. 02222 (617) 565-5234

Field Offices: Bangor Office Casco Northern Bank Bldg. First Floor 23 Main Street Bangor, ME. 04401-6394 (207) 945-0467

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Burlington Office Room B-2B, Federal Bldg. 11 Elmwood Ave. P.O. Box 879 Burlington, VT.
05402-0879 (802) 951-6290

Hartford Office 330 Main Street First Floor Hartford, CT. 06106-1860 (203) 240-4523

Manchester Office Norris Cotton Building 275 Chestnut Street Manchester, NH. 03101-2487 (603)
666-7458

Providence Office 330 John O. Pastore Fed. Bldg. U.S. Post Office – Kennedy Plaza Providence, R.I.
02903-1785 (401) 528-5351

REGION 2 New York 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY 10278-0068 (212) 264-8053

Field Offices: Albany Fed. Bldg. North Pearl & Clinton Ave. Albany, N.Y. 12207-2395 (518)
472-3567

Buffalo Leo W. O'Brien Fed. Bldg. 5th Floor, Lafayette Court 465 Main Street Buffalo, N.Y. 14203-1780
(716) 846-5755

Camden The Parkade Building 519 Federal Street Camden, N.J. 08103-9998 (609) 757-5081

Newark 60 Park Place Military Park Bldg. Newark, N.J. 07102-5504 (201) 877-1686

REGION 3 Philadelphia Liberty Square Bldg. 105 S. 7th St. Philadelphia, PA. 19016-3392 (215)
597-2560

Field Offices: Baltimore Third Floor, Equitable Bldg. 10 North Calvert St. Charleston, WV.
25301-1795 (304) 347-7036

Charleston 405 Capitol Street Suite 708 Baltimore, MD. 21202 (410) 962-2520

Pittsburgh 412 Old Post Office Courthouse 7th Avenue & Grant St. Pittsburgh, PA.
15219-1939 (412) 644-6388

Richmond 1st Floor, Federal Bldg. 400 North 8th Street P.O. Box 10170 Richmond, VA. 23240-0170
(804) 771-2575

Washington, D.C. 820 First Street, NE Washington, D.C. 20002-4205 (202) 275-8185

Wilmington 824 Market St. Suite 850 Wilmington, DE. 19801-3016 573-6300

REGION 4 Atlanta Richard B. Russell Federal Bldg., 75 Spring St. Atlanta, GA. 30303 (404)
331-4739

Field Offices: Birmingham Beacon Ridge Tower, #300 600 Beacon Parkway West Birmingham,

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AL. 35209–3144 (201) 290–7617

Caribbean New San Juan Office Bldg. 159 Carlos Chardon Avenue San Juan, PR. 00918–1804 (809) 766–6121

Columbia Strom Thurmond Fed. Bldg. 1835–45 Assembly St. Columbia, S.C. 29201–2480 (803) 765–5592

Coral Gables Gables 1 Tower 1320 South Dixie Highway Coral Gables, FL. 33146 (305) 662–4500

Greensboro 415 N. Edgeworth St. Greensboro, N.C. 27401–2107 (919) 333–5363 Jackson
Dr. A.H. McCoy Fed. Bldg. Suite 910, 100 W. Capitol Jackson, MS. 39269–1096 (601) 965–4738

Jacksonville 325 West Adams Street Jacksonville, FL. 32202–4303 (904) 791–2626 Knoxville
John J. Duncan Fed. Bldg. 710 Locust St. 3rd Floor Knoxville, TN. 37902–2526 (615) 549–9384

Louisville 601 W. Broadway P.O. Box 1044 Louisville, KY. 40201–1044 (502) 582–6255

Memphis One Memphis Place 200 Jefferson Ave. #1200 Memphis, TN. 38103–2335 (901) 544–3367

Nashville 251 Cumberland Bend Dr. #200 Nashville, TN. 37228–1803 (615) 736–5213

Orlando 3751 Maguire Blvd. #270 Orlando, FL. 32803–3032 (407) 648–6441 Tampa Timberlake
Federal Bldg. Annex #700 501 E. Polk St. Tampa, FL. 33602–3945 (813) 228–2501

REGION 5 Chicago 547 W. Jackson Blvd., 7th Floor, Chicago, IL. 60661 (312) 353–5680

Field Offices: Cincinnati Federal Office Bldg. Rm 9002 550 Main Street Cincinnati, OH.
45202–3253 (513) 684–2884

Cleveland One Playhouse Square #420 1375 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, OH. 44114–1670 (216) 522–4065

Columbus 200 North High St. Columbus, OH. 43215–2499 (614) 469–7345 Detroit Patrick
V. McNamara Fed Bl 477 Michigan Avenue Detroit, MI. 48226–2592 (313) 226–6280

Flint 605 N. Saginaw St. #200 Flint, MI. 48502–2043 (313) 766–5109

Grand Rapids 2922 Fuller Avenue, NE Grand Rapids, MI. 49505 (616) 456–2137

Indianapolis 151 N. Delaware St. Indianapolis, IN. 46204–2526 (317) 226–7043 Milwaukee
Henry S. Reuss Fed. Plaza 310 W. Wisconsin Av. #1320 Milwaukee, WI. 53203–2289 (414) 297–3214

Minneapolis–St.Paul 220 Second Street South Minneapolis, MN. 55401–2195 (612) 370–3000

Springfield 509 W. Capitol St. #206 Springfield, IL. 62704 (217) 492–4085

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REGION 6 Fort Worth 1600 Throckmorton, P.O. Box 2905, Ft. Worth, TX. 76113 (817) 885-5505

Field Offices: Albuquerque 625 Truman St., NE Albuquerque, N.M. 87110-6472 (505) 262-6472

Dallas 525 Griffin St. Room 860 Dallas, TX. 75202-5007 (214) 767-8359

Houston Norfolk Tower, Suite 200 2211 Norfolk Houston, TX. 77098-4096 (713) 653-3274

Little Rock Lafayette Bldg., Suite 200 523 Louisiana St. Little Rock, AR. 72201 (501) 378-5931

Lubbock 1205 Texas Ave. Lubbock, TX. 79401-4093 (806) 743-7276

New Orleans Federal Office Bldg. Fisk Federal Bldg. 1661 Canal St. #3100 New Orleans, LA. 70112 (504) 589-7246

Oklahoma City Murrah Federal Bldg. 200 NW 5th Street Oklahoma City, OK. 73102-3202 (405) 231-5464

San Antonio Washington Square 800 Dolorosa San Antonio, TX. 78207 (512) 229-6758

Shreveport Joe D. Waggoner Bldg. 500 Fannin St. Shreveport, LA. 71101-3077 (318) 226-5402

Tulsa Boston Place, Suite 110 1516 S. Boston St. Tulsa, OK. 74119 (918) 581-7451

REGION 7 Kansas City Gateway Tower II, Rm. 200 400 State Ave. Kansas City, KS 66101-2406 236-2162

Field Offices: Des Moines Room 259, Fed. Bldg. 210 Walnut St. Des Moines, IA. 50309-2155 (515) 284-4215

Omaha Braiker/Brandeis Bldg. 210 South 16th St. Omaha, NE. 68102-1622 221-3879

St. Louis Robert A Young Federal Building, 3rd Fl. 1222 Spruce St., St. Louis, MO. 63103-2836 (314) 539-6560

REGION 8 Denver Executive Tower Bldg., 1405 Curtis Denver, CO. 80202 (303) 844-6518

Field Offices: Casper/Fargo 4225 Federal Off. Bldg. Federal Building 100 East B. Street 653 2nd Avenue N. P.O. Box 580 P.O. Box 2483 Casper, WY. 82602-1918 Fargo, N.D. 58108-2483 (307) 261-5252 (701) 239-5666

Helena/Salt Lake City Federal Office Building 324 S. State Street 301 South Park, Rm. 340 Suite 220 Drawer 10095 Salt Lake City, UT. 84111 Helena, MT. 59626-0095 (801) 524-5216 (406) 449-5283

Sioux Falls 300 N. Dakota Ave. Suite 116 "300 Bldg." Sioux Falls, SD 57102-4223 (Property handled

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by Denver office)

REGION 9

San Francisco Phillip Burton Federal Bldg. and U.S. Courthouse, 450 Golden Gate P.O. Box 36003,

San Francisco, CA 94102 (415) 556-5900

Field Offices:

Fresno Honolulu 1630 Shaw Ave. #138 Prince Jonah Fed. Bldg. Fresno, CA. 93710-8193 P.O. Box 50007 (209) 487-5033 Honolulu, HI. 96850-4991 (808) 541-1343

Las Vegas Los Angeles 1500 E. Tropicana #2051615 West Olympic Blvd. Las Vegas, NV. 89119-6516 Los Angeles, CA. 90015 (702) 388-6500 (213) 251-7136

Phoenix Reno 2 Arizona Ctr. #16001050 Bible Way 400 North 5th St. P.O. Box 4700 P.O. Box 13468 Reno, NV. 89505-4700 Phoenix, AZ. 85004-2361 (702) 784-5356 (602) 379-4434

Sacramento San Diego 777 12th Street #200 Room 5-3-S, Fed. Off. Bld. Sacramento, CA. 95814-1997 880 Front Street (916) 551-1351 San Diego, CA. 92188-0100 (619) 557-5310

Santa Ana Tucson Box 12850100 N. Stone Ave. #410 34 Civic Center Plaza Tucson, AZ. 85701-1467 Santa Ana, CA. 92712-2850 (602) 670-5223 (714) 836-2446

REGION 10

Seattle Arcade Plaza Bldg., 1321 Second Ave. Seattle, WA. 98101 (206) 553-1700

Field Offices: Anchorage Boise Federal Building - U.S. Federal Building - U.S. Courthouse Courthouse 222 West 8th Avenue #64 550 W. Fort St. Anchorage, AK. 99513-7537 P.O. Box 042 (907) 271-4170 Boise, ID. 83724-0420 (503) 326-2671

Portland Spokane 520 SW Sixth St. Farm Credit Bank Bldg. Portland, OR. 97204-1596 8th Fl. East W. 601 1st Av (503) 326-2671 Spokane, WA. 99204-0317 (509) 353-2510

This concludes the Housing & Urban Development listings.

CUSTOMS The U.S. Customs offices seize millions in merchandise each year. E.G. & G. Dynatrend is under contract to auction forfeited and confiscated merchandise. Their address is: 2300 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 705, Arlington, VA. 22201. Their phone numbers are (703) 351-7880 and 7887.

The U.S. Customs Public Auction Line is specifically the 703-351-7887 number. You can be placed on a mailing list for either \$25 for regional information or \$50 for national news. There are five different areas covered.

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There are auctions held every nine weeks in the following cities:

– Los Angeles, California – Nogales, Texas – Miami, Florida – Edinburg, Texas – Houston, Texas
– Chula Vista, California – Jersey City, New Jersey – El Paso, Texas

Other cities hold auctions more infrequently.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE Periodically, there are portions of a contractor's inventory that remains following completion of a job. The government paid for it, so they own it. They consider it surplus

and it's sold by a Defense branch — the Department of Defense Logistics Agency.

You can write to these addresses for more information about these sales:

Boston New York Commander
Commander Defense Contract Admin Ser
Defense Contract Admin Ser
Boston Region New York Region
495 Summer Street 201 Varick Street
Boston, MA. 02210–2184
New York, N.Y. 10014–4811

Philadelphia Atlanta
Defense Contr. Admin. Serv. Defense Contr. Admin. Ser.
Philadelphia Region Atlanta Region
2800 South 20th Street 805 Walker Street
Philadelphia, PA. 19101–7478
Marietta, GA. 30060–2789

Cleveland Chicago
Commander Commander Defense Contr. Admin. Serv. Defense Contr. Admin. Ser.
Cleveland Region Chicago Region
Federal Office Building O'Hare Int'l Airport
1240 E. Ninth Street P.O. Box 66475
Cleveland, OH. 44199–2036
Chicago, IL. 60666–0475

St. Louis Dallas
Commander Commander Defense Contr. Admin. Serv. Defense Contr. Admin. Ser.
St. Louis Region Dallas Region
1136 Washington Avenue 1200 Main Street
St. Louis, MO. 63101–1194
Dallas, TX. 75202–4399

Los Angeles
Commander, Defense Contract Admin. Services
Los Angeles Region, 11099 South La Cienega Blvd.
Los Angeles, California 90045–6197

POSTAL SERVICE A number of items often turn up at the post office that are undeliverable and unclaimed. These goods can range from merchandise to household and leisure items to books.

The merchandise auctions are only held in 5 cities, the largest in New York and San Francisco. If you live close to one of these auction areas listed, by all means go and check it out. Otherwise, it may not be worth a lengthy trip.

Atlanta: U.S. Postal Service, Undeliverable Mails Branch, Dead Parcels Branch, 730 Great SW Parkway, Atlanta, GA. 30336, (404) 344–1625

New York: U.S. Postal Service, 380 West 33rd Street, New York, N.Y. 10199, (212) 330–3800

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Philadelphia: U.S. Postal Service, 2970 Market Street, Room 531-A, Philadelphia, PA. 19104-9886
(215) 895-5140

San Francisco: U.S. Postal Service, 390 Main Street, San Francisco, CA. 94105-9502, (415)
543-1826

St. Paul: U.S. Postal Service, 443 Fillmore Street, St. Paul, MN. 55107, (612) 293-3082

Postal vehicles are also sold by the Post Office. They must be purchased by cash, bank check or
money order.

Alabama Alaska U.S. Postal Service Postal Service Supply Off. 708 E. South Blvd. Vehicle
Maintenance Montgomery, AL. 36119 8221 Petersburg (205) 244-7500 Anchorage, AK. 99507-3132
(907) 349-8900

Arizona Arkansas U.S. Postal Service General Mail Facil. Fleet Vehicle Maintenance Facility 4700
E. McCain Blvd. 4949 E. Van Buren N. Little Rock, AR. 72231 Phoenix, AZ. 85026 (501) 945-6710
(602) 225-3367

California Colorado Fleet Maintenance Div. U.S. Postal Service 1300 Evans Avenue 915 S. Logan
San Francisco, CA. 94105 Denver, CO. 80209 (415) 550-5212 (303) 297-6730

Connecticut Delaware U.S. Post Office U.S. Post Office Vehicle Maintenance Service Vehicle
Maintenance 85 Weston St. 147 Quigley Blvd. Hartford, CT. 06101 Wilmington, DE. 19850 (203)
524-6240 (302) 323-2237

Florida Georgia U.S. Post Office U.S. Post Office 2800 S. Adams Vehicle Maintenance Facil.
Tallahassee, FL. 32301-9998 3900 Crown Rd. (904) 878-7268 Atlanta, GA. 30304-9721

Hawaii Idaho U.S. Postmaster U.S. Post Office Garage Manager, Fleet Maintenance 770 S. 13th 89
Sand Island Rd. Boise, ID. 83707 Honolulu, HI. 96819 (208) 383-4225 (808) 845-1026

Illinois Indiana Main Post Office Garage U.S. Post Office Garage 2105 E. Cook 615 S. Capitol
Avenue Springfield, IL. 62703 Indianapolis, IN. 46225 (217) 788-7241 (317) 464-6081

Iowa Kansas U.S. Post Office U.S. Post Office Garage 1165 Second Avenue 424 S. Kansas
Avenue Des Moines, IA. 50318-9121 Topeka, KS. 66603 (515) 283-7720 (913) 295-9167

Kentucky Louisiana U.S. Postal Service Main Post Office Garage 1420 Gardiner Lane Vehicle
Maintenance Dept. P.O. Box 3111 750 Florida Blvd. Louisville, KY. 40232-9111 Baton Rouge, LA.
70021 (502) 454-1891 (504) 381-0388

Maine Maryland Main Post Office U.S. Postal Service 171 Kennebec Street 6 Waelchi Avenue
Portland, ME. 04101 Baltimore, MD. 21227 (207) 871-8467 (301) 625-8931

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Massachusetts Michigan U.S. Postal Service U.S. Post Office 135 A Street 4800 Collins Rd.
Boston, MA. 02210 Lansing, MI. 48924 (617) 654-5771 (517) 337-8736

Minnesota Mississippi U.S. Postal Service U.S. Post Office 314 Eva Street 350 E. Silas Brown St.
St. Paul, MN. 55107 Jackson, MS. 39301-5201 (612) 349-3082 (601) 968-5784

Missouri Montana U.S. Postal Service No auctions held. See Vehicle Maintenance Facility San
Francisco and Salt 3535 Katherine Rd. Lake City Quincy, IL. 62301-9998 (217) 224-4950

Nebraska Nevada U.S. Postal Service U.S. Post Office Maintenance, 700 R St. 2000 Vassar Street
Lincoln, NE. 68501 Reno, NV. 89510-9997 (402) 473-1630 (702) 788-0626 Gov't

New Hampshire New Jersey U.S. Post Office Main Post Office Vehicle Maintenance Facility Vehicle
Mainten. Facility 955 Goffs Falls Rd. 680 State Hwy. 130 Manchester, N.H. 03100-7221 Trenton, N.J.
08650 (603) 644-4022 (609) 581-3089

New Mexico New York U.S. Post Office U.S. Postal Garage 1135 Broadway, N.E. 201 11th Avenue
Albuquerque, NM 87101 New York, N.Y. 10199-9721 (505) 848-3887 (212) 330-4904

North Carolina North Dakota U.S. Postal Office U.S. Post Office 310 Newborne Avenue 220 E.
Rosser Ave. Raleigh, NC 27611 Bismarck, N.D. 58501 (919) 831-3702 (701) 221-6517

Ohio Oklahoma U.S. Postal Service Main Post Office 850 Twin River Drive Vehicle Services
Columbus, OH. 43216 320 S.W. 5th Street (614) 469-4255 Oklahoma City, OK. 73125 (405)
278-6159

Oregon Pennsylvania U.S. Post Office Philadelphia Post Office Vehicle Maintenance Facility Garage
918 NW Park Avenue 30th and Chestnut Portland, OR. 97208 Philadelphia, PA. 19104 (503)
294-2444 (215) 895-9297

Rhode Island South Carolina Postal Serv. Postal Service U.S. Post Office Vehicle
Maintenance 1601 Asembly St. Providence RI 02904 Columbia, SC 29201-9122 (401)
276-6800 (803) 733-4692

South Dakota Tennessee U.S. Postal Service U.S. Post Office Garage Vehicle Maintenance
Facility 707 Chestnut Street 500 E. Boulevard Nashville, TN. 37229-9721 Rapid City, SD 57701-5709
(605) 394-8648

Texas Utah U.S. Postal Service U.S. Post Office 10410 Perrin Beitel Vehicle Maintenance Dept.
San Antonio, TX. 78284 1760 W. 2100 S. (512) 657-8528 Salt Lake City, UT. 84199 (801)
974-2350

Vermont Virginia U.S. Postal Service U.S. Post Office Garage Vehicle Maintenance Facility 1001
School Street 1800 Page Blvd. Richmond, VA. 23232 Springfield, MA. 01152-9721 (804) 775-6155
(413) 785-6383

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Washington, D.C. Washington (state) U.S. Postal Service U.S. Postal Service Fleet Operations 3825
S. Warren 980 V. St. NE Tacoma, WA. 98409 Washington, D.C. 20018-9601 (202) 832-0158

West Virginia Wisconsin U.S. Post Office U.S. Postal Service Vehicle Maintenance Facility Vehicle
Maintenance 602 Donnelly St. Madison, WI. 53703 Charleston, WV. 25301-9721 (608) 246-1300
(304) 357-4158

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

Naturally, the Internal Revenue Service has been known to seize a few items themselves. They generally auction these goods off to raise money for back taxes and penalties owed by the person whose property has been confiscated. You can get on their mailing list by calling their HOT LINE:

(800) 829-1040

Other hot-line numbers:

- San Francisco (415) 556-5021 - Seattle (206) 553-0703 - Los Angeles (213) 894-5777 -
Sacramento (916) 978-5520 - New York City (718) 780-4020

The IRS may prove to be your ally yet!

OTHER INFORMATION

The other phone numbers of importance may belong to the Federal Supply Service Bureau who can give you more information about General Services Administration Auctions. Those listings:

National Capitol Region National Surplus & Sales Center Federal Supply Service Bureau 6808
Loisdale Rd. Springfield, VA. 22150 Hot-line: (703) 557-7796

Region One Region Two Federal Serv. Supply Bur. Federal Serv. Supply Bur. 10 Causeway St.
4#2FBP-126 Federal Plaza #2FBB-2 Boston, MA. 02222 New York, N.Y. 10278 Hotline: (617)
565-7326 Hotline: (800) 488-SALE

Region Three Region Four Federal Service Supply Bur. Federal Service Supp. Bur. Personal Property
Sales General Services Admin. 841 Chestnut St. #540404 West Beach St. #4FBB Philadelphia, PA.
19107 Atlanta, GA. 30365 (215) 597-7253 (404) 331-5177

Region Five Region Six General Services Admin. Excess Property Sales Federal Supply Serv.
Bur. GSA Federal Supply Bureau Sales Serv, Mail Staff 34-5#6FP-P 230 S. Dearborn St. 440 College
Blvd. Chicago, IL. 60604 Overland Park, KS. 66211 (312) 353-0246 (913) 236-2500

Region Seven Region Eight General Services Admin. General Services Admin. 819 Taylor
Street Federal Supply Serv. Bur. Fort Worth, TX. 76102 Building 41 (817) 334-2352 Denver Federal
Center Denver, CO. 80226 (303) 236-7705

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Region Nine Region Ten 525 Market St. 29th Floor General Services Admin. San Francisco, CA.
94105 Excess Personal Property (415) 774-5240 400 15th Street SW Auburn, WA. 98001
(206) 931-7763

RESOLUTION TRUST CORPORATION

In the 1980s, there were a vast number of savings & loans failures and the U.S. Government contracted with the Resolution Trust Corporation to dispose of personal property and assets accumulated during the last few years.

There is a wide inventory that is constantly changing. The key contacts:

The Affordable Housing Disposition Program

1-800-624-HOME

Resolution Trust Corporation National Assets Specific Inquiry Program: (800) 431-0600

Regional Assets Sales Hotline (800) 348-1484 For real estate: (800) 782-3006.

SUMMARY

You're in business now!

These are a wide assortment of contact listings for you to begin your new career in the buying and

selling business. People are going to buy goods –from you or someone else. Why not take advantage of the outstanding savings you can achieve by using the government to do your acquisitions for you.

You always thought the government only took taxes from you. Here's a chance to get some back! Of course, it will probably increase your taxes as your income goes up, but that's a good problem to have, right?

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Real Estate Auction Action – Buying A Home At Auction

By Jakob Jelling

Due in part to the popularity of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)'s home auction program, more potential homebuyers than ever are buying homes at auction. Homes for auction aren't limited to just HUD, however. Many government entities auction homes for payment of back taxes, and some homeowners even auction their homes on eBay.com!

Homebuyers considering buying a home at auction should take some steps in advance to help them with their bid price, and even whether to bid at all on a specific home. There will always be a degree of risk when buying a home this way, but with a little diligence, potential homebuyers could save a lot of money buying in this manner.

Before the auction, you should have your financing arranged, and have enough cash on hand or in your bank account to cover a deposit on your purchase. You need to check the features, location, condition, and ownership history first. Afterwards, be sure to learn what the property is worth by looking at sales of comparable properties in the same area. Compare homes with the same number of rooms is possible, but be sure to allow for price differences due to pools, decks, carpeting, window treatments, etc.

At the auction itself, resist the temptation to get into a personal bidding war, just "to beat out the other guy". Have a set price limit and stick to it. Other houses will come along, and you don't have to win the first auction that comes your way.

You should know that the price of a home at auction is typically the loan balance (if foreclosed), plus any back taxes owed, plus legal fees and other expenses in foreclosing the property. This will typically be the opening bid amount, and the price will go up from there. Even so, it's possible to get a great deal in an auctioned house, with a little research and planning first.

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Also, know that you probably won't be able to get an inspection, and are buying the home "as is". If you can't do any needed repair work yourself, or can't hire it done within your budget, you may not end up getting such a bargain in the end.

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finance, debt elimination, budgeting, credit cards and real estate.

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10 Things You Should Know Before You Bid On A Business Product From An Online Auction

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