

# Surplus Sampler

December 2006

## From The Director's Chair

Well guess who was back on nationally syndicated TV again? Yup, the Bureau of Supplies & Surplus Operations. This time, CNN aired a spot regarding our TSA property sales on Sunday, 12/2. It fit in nicely with their coverage of airports crowded with Thanksgiving travelers. Check it out by selecting the appropriate link from our video clips library at the following URL: [http://www.dgs.state.pa.us/surp\\_prop/cwp/view.asp?a=3&q=128593&surp\\_propNav=](http://www.dgs.state.pa.us/surp_prop/cwp/view.asp?a=3&q=128593&surp_propNav=)

Speaking of voluntarily surrendered property, we are starting up postings of a new class of goods. Corkscrews. We tried to work out a deal with PLCB to offer the wide variety and large volume of un-stoppers. However, PLCB did not want to sell individual goods that were not 'bubble-packed' or otherwise sealed. Their loss is your gain. Check out our listings under eBay seller "pastatesurplus" for a great holiday gift AND a fantastic deal.

Our Bureau was also mentioned in a recent Pennsylvania College of Technology publication. In the Fall 2006 Annual Report (for 2005-2006), the Bureau of Supplies & Surplus Operations was mentioned twice (on page 22 and again on page 26). These listings were a result of the donation of a Beechcraft twin-engined BE-58P airplane from the Federal Surplus Property Program. It was really great that the Administration of PCT (Williamsport, Lycoming County) acknowledged our donation (valued at \$434,000.00) so publicly. It was shocking to see that we were the #1 source for "In-Kind Donations of Property, Equipment, Supplies, and Surplus". Hard to believe that little 'ole BSSO was ranked ahead of both Ford Motor Company and Volvo Construction Equipment North America, Inc. As a 1981 graduate of PCT, I was particularly proud of the honor that Scott Pepperman and team worked so hard to achieve.

To our state agency customers, please be reminded that bags of rock salt, calcium chloride, and windshield washer fluid are available for ordering through the COPA Internal "Ecatalog DGS" in SRM. Or you can contact BSSO's Customer Service Department at 717-787-6159, ext 3234. Please get your orders in ASAP, before the bad weather hits.

Also for state agencies it is time for an update regarding the antifreeze which was distributed that did not meet pH or freeze protection. All non-conforming product has been identified at eight Penndot district maintenance operations (two other agencies had a few drums). The vendor, AJ Chemical, will be contacting each owner to make arrangements for pickup of bad drums and delivery of a like number of replacements. The DGS point man for this operation is the buyer, Susan Reinhold of the Procurement Department. If you have any questions, please contact him at 717-703-2931.

Please have a safe and happy holiday from the entire staff!!

*Ken Hess, Director*

*Bureau of Supplies and Surplus Operations*

# State Surplus

## Doings and Happenings

As a taxpayer, it's great to see that so many of our newly elected officials from the House of Representatives are browsing through our State Surplus Store and buying furniture for their offices. Whenever we can re-utilize equipment and supplies among state agencies, the cost benefit to the taxpayer is tremendous.

We also invite you to visit our State Surplus Store here at 2221 Forster Street in Harrisburg. We are open daily from 9:00 AM until 2:45 PM. You may find some really good deals on office furniture and PCs. Also, be sure the check out or eBay account (seller keyword: pastatesurplus) to bid on anything from brand new tires to ceramics, kilns, and other items! We encourage you to visit ebay weekly to see what type of property is available.

## On-Line and Physical Auctions

**Completed auctions from March through mid-November for State Surplus have resulted in a gross revenue of approximately \$4,952,892 for our Commonwealth agencies.**

**Completed OnLine Auctions via Asset Auctions—[www.asset-auctions.com](http://www.asset-auctions.com)**

**Double Wide Trailer and Garage—Freedom—generated revenue of approximately \$1,650.**

**Mobile Home—New Germantown—generated revenue of approximately \$2,250.**

**DPW—Torrence State Hospital—various items including lockers and glazed tiles; the tiles were transferred to the Department of Corrections for reutilization; we also have well over 100 wardrobe-style lockers still in Torrence available for use by a fire company, road crew, police department or other organization—generated revenue of approximately \$102.**

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## HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Happy Holidays from the Federal Surplus and Law Enforcement Property Division (can it really be that time of year already?!?!)! We have had a very active year in both Programs. Hopefully, the changes we have instituted have made it easier for you to use our Programs. Our growth and our success are a credit to your support and your ingenuity in utilizing our property. Thank you for all that you have done for and with us this past year. With your assistance, we look forward to even greater success in the coming year.

Our employees are our greatest asset, the backbone of our Programs. Through their efforts, we were able to have another successful year and donate over \$20 million of surplus and excess property across the Commonwealth. So as I take this time to thank you I would like to extend the same thanks and wishes for the Holiday Season to the Division Staff:

Steve Livingston  
John Kowalchick  
Jerry Vaux  
Dave Fleisher  
Skip Page  
Mike Gantz

Linda Williams  
Joyce Conrad  
Vanessa Williams  
Lil Davis  
Bob Webb

## HOLIDAY ANNOUNCEMENT

In order to show our appreciation for all that our staff accomplishes throughout the year, the management of the Bureau of Supplies and Surplus Operations will host the Bureau Holiday Party on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. To enable all of our employees to participate, we **will close our operations on Wednesday, December 20th from 10:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.** Thanks for your understanding and continued use of our Programs!

## Flood Relief Update

Since late June 2006 when flooding hit the eastern part of Pennsylvania, the Federal Surplus Property Program has been working with local communities to provide the excess Federal government property that they need in order to facilitate their recovery efforts. To date, a number of organizations have received great quality property through our relief efforts. Although we have had no recent donations, we continue to work on all outstanding requests, and will continue to do so until the end of 2006, at which time our priority status expires. As a final reminder any requests for property under this priority status must be received prior to December 31, 2006.

If your organization is within a county that was declared an emergency by the President, now is the time to submit your request as the window of opportunity is quickly closing. Please fax any requests to 717-772-2491 on your organization's letterhead with proper justification, and be sure

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to write in large letters across the top, "**Flood Disaster Relief**". If you have any questions concerning this procedure please contact our Marketing Director, Mary Beth Enggren at 717-787-9725, ext. 3207.

## Hermitage Reminder

The Hermitage Distribution Center will be open for business in Hermitage December 11-14 and January 8-11, 2007. We will be open for business in Hermitage Monday 4:30 PM—7:30 PM, Tuesday and Wednesday 8:30 AM—4:30 PM, and Thursday 8:30 AM—11:00 AM. Look for the latest additions to our inventory, and don't forget about the Green Dot Discount!

## Corkscrew Mania!

As Mr. Hess mentioned in his article, we are now posting corkscrews on EBay from the voluntarily surrendered property that we accumulate from East Coast airports. Under the seller name of "pastatesurplus" you will find a number of interesting items now including several varieties of corkscrews. Research revealed that we have been receiving several types of valuable corkscrews, so we have decided to place them on Ebay separately for those customers who may be interested in them. Happy bidding!

## This Month's Featured Items

### WATER!WATER!WATER!WATER!WATER!WATER!

The Federal Surplus Property Program has access to **24 pallets of bottled water**. We would like to deliver the entire lot of water to one location. The water is in 1 gallon containers, packaged at 192 containers per pallet. Service charge, including delivery, is only **\$2250.00**. Please call our warehouse toll-free at **1-800-235-1555** to take advantage of this tremendous bargain!

**GENERATOR**, Mfg. BEST POWER TECH, UNINTERRUPTIBLE BATTERY SYSTEM, 2 CYL ONAN, 6.5 KW, 48 VOLT. GOOD Condition, Only 1 Available, Item Number 6115-07-0101-001, HBG WHSE, Service Charge **\$225.00**.

**SNOWBLOWER**, Mfg. FORD, ST 826, 8 HP, 26 INCH, 4 SPEED FORWARD, SINGLE SPEED BACKWARD. GOOD Condition, Only 1 Available, Item Number 4940-06-0469-003, HBG WHSE, Service Charge **\$275.00**.

**MIRROR**, Mfg. FRANKLIN DENTAL, MOUTH EXAMINATING, PLASTIC, DISPOSABLE, 72 PER BOX. **NEW** Condition, Only 50 Available, Item Number 6520-06-0696-003, HBG WHSE, Service

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Charge **\$5.00.**

**PIPETS**, Mfg. SAMCO, TRANSFER, PLASTIC, 100 PER BOX. **NEW** Condition, Only 7 Available, Item Number 6640-06-0492-004, HBG WHSE, Service Charge **\$10.00.**

**LADDER**, Mfg. LYNN, MES04, 4 FOOT, WOOD, 250 LB. **NEW** Condition, Only 10 Available, Item Number 5440-06-0758-001, HBG WHSE, Service Charge **\$30.00.**

**TRUCK**, Mfg. FORD, RANGER XL, 1994, 4 X 2, 4.0 LITER, AUTOMATIC, 73488 MILES, MINOR DAMAGE. FAIR Condition, Only 1 Available, Item Number 2330-06-0457-001, HBG WHSE, Service Charge **\$1000.00.**

**LEAF COLLECTOR**, Mfg. TORNADO, 8 HP BRIGGS AND STRATTON. FAIR Condition, Only 1 Available, Item Number 4940-06-0469-002, HBG WHSE, Service Charge **\$325.00.**

**FOLDING MACHINE**, Mfg. DREIS & KRUMP, 8 FOOT, 440 VOLT. FAIR Condition, Only 1 Available, Item Number 3441-06-0586-006, HBG WHSE, Service Charge **\$500.00.**

**WASTE RECEPTACLE**, Mfg. UNK, METAL, FLIP TOP, DOUBLE FLAP. **NEW** Condition, Only 5 Available, Item Number 7240-06-0738-008, HBG WHSE, Service Charge **\$27.50.**

## **Equipment Recently Acquired by Your Neighbors...**

**Nehemiah Emmanuel Community Development** (Allegheny County), acquired ten office chairs through our Hermitage warehouse which will be used throughout their offices for the Community Programs they administer. The chairs, originally valued at \$10,500.00 by the Federal government, were acquired for a service charge of only \$52.50. Program officials estimate a savings of approximately \$600.00.

**Pennsylvania Game Commission** (Dauphin County) acquired 32 Tungsten handheld palm pilots which will be used by the rangers for taking notes when they are in the field. These palm pilots, originally valued at \$15,968.00 by the Federal government, were acquired for a service charge of only \$1,600. Game Commission officials estimate a savings for Commonwealth taxpayers of approximately \$11,000.00.

**Adams-Hanover Counseling Services, Inc** (York County) acquired one lot of lobby chairs which will be used for their waiting room. The chairs, originally valued at \$9,100.00 by the Federal government, were acquired for a service charge of just \$440.00. Organization officials estimate a savings to their clients of approximately \$2,000.00.

**Lock Haven City** (Clinton County), acquired two lots of computer equipment which will be used for their computer system at the City's water filtration plant. The computers, originally valued at \$35,650.00 by the Federal government, were acquired for a service charge of only \$250.00. City

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officials estimate a savings to their taxpayers of approximately \$4,000.00 with this acquisition.

**Irvin Comstock Seventh Day Adventist School** (Tioga County), acquired a milling machine which will be used for school maintenance. The machine, originally valued at \$9,986.00 by the Federal government, was acquired for a service charge of only \$150.00. School officials estimate a savings to their students of approximately \$1,500.00.

**McCandless Township Sanitary Authority** (Allegheny County), acquired a 125 kilowatt generator which will be used as a back-up source for their main generator. The generator, originally valued at \$10,000.00 by the Federal government, was acquired for a service charge of only \$4,500.00. Authority officials estimate a savings to their taxpayers of approximately \$25,000.00.

**Perry Township** (Clarion County), acquired 3 Pentium III laptop computers which they will use to replace older units in their Township and to assist with grant writing. The computers, originally valued at \$7,444.02 by the Federal government, were acquired for a service charge of only \$525.00. Township officials estimate a savings to their taxpayers of approximately \$2,000.00.

**New Journeys in Recovery** (Philadelphia County), acquired one lot of 17" computer monitors which will be used to train policemen in the 17<sup>th</sup> District Police Station and also for the training program for children. The monitors, originally valued at \$478,200.00 by the Federal government, were acquired for a service charge of only \$400.00. Organization officials estimate a savings of approximately \$500.00.

**Lancaster County Career And Technology Center** (Lancaster County), acquired a 4000 lb capacity forklift which will be used in their machining labs. The forklift, originally valued at \$13,830.00 by the Federal government, was acquired for a service charge of only \$850.00. Center officials estimate a savings to their students of approximately \$5,000.00.

**Polk Township** (Monroe County), acquired an electric forklift which will be used in the recycling operations for the Township. The forklift, originally valued at \$26,500.00 by the Federal government, was acquired for a service charge of only \$1,250.00. Township officials estimate a savings to their taxpayers of approximately \$24,000.00.

# Fixed Price Vehicles

## We Need Your Help!

During the past quarter, we have sent listings of available Fixed Price Vehicles to all of our donee organizations. Some of you have responded with requests for prices and pictures, but to date, no vehicles have been placed. No auctions are currently scheduled for the first quarter of Calendar Year 2007, but that could change, and there will certainly be auctions in our area starting in April 2007. We could really use your help in determining why no vehicles have been moved to your organizations to date. If there is additional information you need, or if there is something else we could do for your organization to help you make the final decision, we would really like to help. Please contact our Marketing Director, Mary Beth Enggren at 717-787-9725, ext. 3207 with your comments, suggestions or complaints about our Program. We want to help your organization take greater advantage of this program in 2007; with your help we can be successful.

Please remember to get your requests in to us as soon as possible if you are interested in low mileage, quality late model cars, trucks, vans, and even heavy equipment. We are ready to work with your requests as we receive future lists of vehicles. Call us **toll free at 1-800-235-1555** or contact our Fixed Price Vehicle screener, **Jerry Vaux**, directly on **717-319-3550** for additional information or to register your request for the next group of fixed priced vehicles. This information will be vital to our efforts as we proceed into this new venture with GSA.

## Law Enforcement

# 1033 Excess Property

### Quarterly Weapons Inspections

As those organizations that have received weapons through the Law Enforcement Property Program are aware, we recently completed 100% of the weapons verifications. While only about one dozen organizations have elected to receive weapons, we would like to maintain 100% accountability for them. Please be advised we will now inspect weapons on a quarterly basis beginning immediately. Each quarter, we will verify approximately 25% of the weapons that we have allocated and report back to the Federal government as now required. We apologize for any confusion or extra work generated by this requirement, but we feel that, due to the nature of the donation, the added accountability is a plus for your organization, our Program and the Federal government. As always, we appreciate your prompt reply to our verification requests. If you have any questions, please direct them to **Lil Davis at 717-787-6159, ext 3212 or Mary Beth Enggren at 717-9725, ext. 3207.**

### Items Recently Acquired by your Neighbors...

**Wilkes-Barre Township Police Department** (Luzerne County), acquired three pairs of night vision goggles which will be used by their SWAT Team for special operations during evening hours. The goggles, originally valued at \$4,500.00 by the Federal government, were acquired for a service charge of only \$150.00. Department officials estimate a savings of approximately \$4,000.00 for their taxpayers.

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# 1122 New Property

### Items Acquired by Your Neighbors...

Some great deals mentioned here, contact us now for your 2007 needs and watch for our presence this year at your meetings and conferences...

**Lancaster County Supervisors (Lancaster County)** acquired some handheld chemical detections units which will be used by the County Detectives and the District Attorney's Offices. The total amount for five units was \$31,596.70. County officials estimate a savings to their taxpayers of approximately \$7,000.00.

**Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, (Dauphin County)**, acquired the services to refurbish their surveillance system they acquired through the 1122 Program. Services are a commodity also available through the 1122 Program. The services were obtained for a total of \$10,400.00. Attorney General officials estimate a saving to the taxpayers of approximately \$2,000.00.

**Cheltenham Township Police Department, (Montgomery County)**, acquired a day/night camcorder system, along with some night vision equipment and carrying cases which will be used by their detectives for drug enforcement and recording drug deals during the night. The total cost for their system, delivered to their Department, was \$14,810.08. The Department estimates a savings of approximately \$14,300.00.

**Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, (Dauphin County)**, acquired a display booth which will be used for conferences to display materials concerning their Programs. The booth was acquired for a total cost of \$14,501.40. Attorney General officials estimate a savings to the taxpayers of approximately \$4,000.00.

**Pennsylvania State Police, (Dauphin County)**, acquired a firearms simulator system which will be used to train officers in the use of their firearms. The total cost for this simulator system was \$568,445.00. State Police officials estimate a savings to Commonwealth taxpayers of approximately \$2,000.00.

# Calendar of Events

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Mobile Homes Sale- Asset Auctions	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Hermitage Dist Center Open	12 Hermitage Dist Center Open	13 Hermitage Dist Center Open	14 Hermitage Dist Center Open	15	16
17	18	19	20 Warehouses Closed 10:30 AM- 1:30 PM	21	22	23
24	25 CLOSED FOR STATE HOLIDAY	26	27	28	29	30

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 CLOSED FOR STATE HOLIDAY	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Hermitage Dist Center Open	9 Hermitage Dist Center Open	10 Hermitage Dist Center Open	11 Hermitage Dist Center Open	12	13
14	15 CLOSED FOR STATE HOLIDAY	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

















