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The auction of a former U.S. Coast Guard cutter closed March 29, 2001, with a winning bid of more than \$60,000 placed through GSA Auctions™. Originally the USS Zuni, a naval salvage tug during World War II, the Tamaroa was later commissioned into the Coast Guard 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."

Gsauctions.gov, the acclaimed winner of the e-GOV 2001 Trailblazer Award, is GSA's remarkable e-business innovation designed to sell a wide array of surplus and exchange/sale government agency assets to buyers in the general public. Deal seekers who were once crowded into cold warehouses to bid on merchandise can now log on to gsaauctions.gov and compete with buyers nationwide for used cars and boats, old office equipment or a 1.5 carat diamond-encrusted gold money clip, among other items. Federal agencies looking to get rid of anything from unneeded industrial equipment to jewelry confiscated in drug busts have turned to the new GSA site as a quick and cost-effective way of reaching a wide audience of interested buyers. Since its inception on January

17, 2001, GSA Auctions™ has attracted 33,179 registered bidders and has netted \$5,033,419.59 in sale proceeds.

Online auctions is just one of the personal property disposal services GSA offers Federal agencies. GSA will work with you to tailor its personal property services to your needs. GSA can create and offer new services that will result in faster disposal, a greater rate of return, and no separate billing system. The sale of the property will fund its own disposal. GSA's Personal Property Management offers special services for vehicle disposal such as an auction or spot bid at an agency's location. Additional services include transportation, storage, maintenance, and reconditioning of vehicles.

GSA can offer your agency an internal system for getting the most from the reuse of your agency's personal property. We can supplement your diminishing administrative resources by customizing an internal screening and disposal system to meet your agency's needs. You have total control over your agency's excess property inventories while making them instantly and widely visible to anyone inside your agency.

Visit our web site at fss.gsa.gov/property/ to learn more about the services GSA can offer your agency. We're here to help with personal property disposal solutions!



GSA'S FREIGHT FORWARDER PROGRAM

If you are not participating in GSA's Freight Forwarder Program for cargo destined to locations in Alaska, you ought to be!

Since 1985, GSA, Pacific Rim Region has been negotiating rates to consolidate cargo on the Pacific Northwest Coast as containerized shipments to Alaska. Among the numerous destinations are Anchorage, Fairbanks, Ketchikan, Kenai, Juneau, Sitka and Kodiak. However, you are not limited to these destinations.

You ask how does it work? The cargo flows to the established freight consolidator and is packed in vans for onward movement. GSA and the freight consolidator take care of the shipping documents to include any short and damage claims. Once consolidated, the load moves and is delivered to its destination. This limits your worries as a shipper to getting the cargo to the forward point only.

You ask how much can I save? Over the 1990's freight prices rose due to operational and facility demands. Oh yes, let's not forget the fuel price increases over the last few years. In spite of all of this, today's prices per one hundred pounds are 9%

less than 1993 prices to most Alaska destinations. To some destinations the savings is 22%.

You say it's hard to believe this kind of savings? It's true and obtainable because we leverage the buying power of all our federal cargo and through the established, positive relationships with the transportation industry.

In fact it gets better because in certain circumstances, GSA will pick up the costs of shipping.

A reminder to shippers – this service is reserved for packages over 20 pounds and two cubic feet in size. The smaller packages transport more economically via the GSA Small Package Service or parcel post.

You can't afford not to use the Alaska Freight Forwarder! To find out how you can start saving today, call 415-522-2845.

For general transportation information go to fss.gsa.gov/transportation.

Don't ship goods to Alaska without GSA.

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