



Transportation and Property Management

Transportation Audits Reminder To All Federal Civilian And Military Agencies

The mandatory provision under, Public Law 105-264, Travel and Transportation Reform Act of 1998, states that you must have all your transportation billings audited prior to payment.

Auditing Services and Financial Management Services Schedule 872 was merged into the Financial and Business Solutions (FABS) Schedule 520 effective April 1, 2002. Special Item Number 520 10, Transportation Audits, performs administrative reviews and rate examinations on prepayment

transportation bills to ensure accuracy, completeness, and compliance with established rates, tariffs, quotations, agreements, and tenders or other applicable rate authority.

The list of contractors that can perform a prepayment audit for your agency under this schedule is available by visiting fss.gsa.gov/transaudits.

Agencies must continue to send their original paid transportation bills to GSA for postpayment audit.

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Change of Address for CSC Mail-In Orders



Mail-in orders should be sent to:

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Ft. Worth, TX 76115
Attn: Call Center

Drilling for Dollars: GSA and Department of Energy Partner for an Internet Auction

When GSA launched GSA Auctions™, its internet auction site, in January 2001, no one really knew what to expect when sales of federal agency personal property moved to the on-line world. The type of property being sold by federal agencies is a far cry from the baseball cards and Barbie dolls that populate the best known commercial auction sites.

During the past year, GSA has sold airplanes, Harley Davidson motorcycles, coin presses, barges, and thousands of other items on GSA Auctions™. Agencies with unique missions provide an endless stream of unusual property.

A prime example is the sale of a drill rig for the Department of Energy's (DOE) Yucca Mountain Project (YMP) in the Nevada desert. The YMP is truly a one-of-a-kind government activity, and it uses and disposes of property unlike any other

agency. When YMP reported a drill rig for sale to GSA, the consensus was to try an internet sale. Would a sale on GSA Auctions™ achieve an acceptable price? Who knew?!

GSA, YMP, and its contractor worked together to determine an expected value of the drill rig. A seemingly ambitious reserve price of \$300,000 was set, and the drill rig was launched on GSA Auctions™. The result was beyond all expectations. A final-day bidding war between two bidders pushed the price to \$400,000 after extending the closing time for the auction by 4-1/2 hours.

The successful buyer was Lang Exploratory Drilling of Salt Lake City, Utah. Lang will modify the drill rig so it can be transported by highway and use it on upcoming drilling jobs. In what makes this the best kind of success story, all participants are happy with the results.

DOE/YMP realized proceeds that far exceeded its most optimistic expectations, and Lang obtained a much-needed piece of equipment at a price it considered fair.

Just as the Department of Energy was assisted with the sale of a drill rig, GSA offers this service to your agency in the sale of federally-owned surplus personal property by making the sale process cost-effective for your agency. GSA will work with you to tailor its personal property services to your needs. Visit fss.gsa.gov/property for more about personal property.

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Let GSA sell your excess property with this new state-of-the-art technology. **GSA Auctions™** allows for greater flexibility and speed in the property disposal process.

Viewers can bid on "live" on-line auctions, with lots of items within specified timeframes. We make it easy!

In the past, surplus sales have been conducted at regional locations utilizing traditional sales methods such as sealed bids and on-site auctions. This new on-line version allows GSA to offer assets located across the country to any interested buyer, regardless of location. In addition, we are able to access a larger segment of the general public, which should result in more competitive sales prices and a greater return for the Government.

GSA Auctions™

www.gsaauctions.gov

getting rid of your
excess property can't
get any easier than this...



GSA wants your business!
GSA will put the auction
together, handle the contract
administration and collect
the money from the auction.
All for you!

For more information or to register, call (703) 605-5610 or
visit www.gsaauctions.gov

NASA Aircraft Sold by GSA

Surplus personal property sales offer items the federal government no longer needs as well as exchange/sale property for sale to the general public by competitive means. GSA's objectives are to conduct sales in an efficient, expeditious manner and obtain maximum net returns with a minimum of inconvenience to holding agencies. GSA sells surplus and exchange/sale property for civilian federal agencies.

GSA has a history of pioneering electronic solutions for streamlining and enhancing the management of excess and surplus federal assets. The GSA Auctions™ web site has been developed to complete GSA's transformation to an all-electronic asset management system.

GSAuctions.gov offers federal personal property assets ranging from commonplace items (such as office equipment and furniture) to more select products like scientific equipment, heavy machinery, airplanes, vessels and vehicles.

NASA has historically had a business relationship with GSA. In 1999, GSA assisted in the transfer of four SR-71 "Blackbird" aircraft from the U.S. Air Force to NASA's Dryden Flight Research Center in Edwards, California. More



recently, Property Management auctioned a 1965 Gulfstream G159 aircraft owned by the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. The aircraft (pictured) was sold for NASA on GSA Auctions™. There were 21 bidders in the auction, and the winning bid was \$132,017 submitted by an individual in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Don't want the hassle of selling your agency's personal property? Contact GSA for more information about selling your agency's personal property electronically through GSA Auctions™.

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Regional Workshops

We offer workshops covering our travel, transportation and personal property management programs. We want you to understand our programs and the advantages they provide. For Fiscal Year 2003, we have seminars planned in San Francisco, December 2002, and Washington, DC, February 2003.

Please visit our web site periodically for details on the location, dates and agenda for these sessions and to register online at fss.gsa.gov/events.

Tailored Site Visits.....

By special request, we have a small staff available to visit you on-site for a couple of days to review your policies, programs, and procedures for preparing, processing, and paying your freight and passenger transportation bills. We can assess the accuracy, thoroughness and applicability of your agency's transportation procedures, and, if necessary, we can conduct customized workshops on a variety of topics.

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