

Protecting Wisconsin Consumers for 75 Years

Surplus goods & government sales

**GOVERNMENT
SEIZED CARS
From \$200!**

**GOVERNMENT
FORECLOSED HOMES
Must Be Sold!
No Money Down!
Buy for Pennies
on the Dollar!**

While these slogans catch your attention, most items in a surplus auction do not sell for these unbelievably low prices and terms. According to the General Services Administration (GSA) there are no giveaways. Government auction services sell goods at or below cost, or fair market value.

Government agencies may have extra equipment, seized goods or foreclosures on a piece of property. The goods are either transferred to another government agency or sold to the public. These items are sold "as is" by auction or negotiated sale, either online, in-person or both. Online auctions work much the same way as other auction sites. You visit an agency's auction site, register your name and place your bid.

Many businesses contact consumers through the mail or

classified ads claiming they can provide information on purchasing government surplus goods. When contacted they charge a fee for their information. Government agencies provide this information at no cost. Do not pay for information that is available free-of-charge.

USA.gov

USA.gov is the official web portal of the U.S. Government. Here you can buy new, seized, and surplus merchandise and real estate from the government. Some items are sold online by auction or a fixed price. Others are available by public auction, sealed bid, or contract with a realtor. Included on the website is a comprehensive list of government auctions and sales.

For more information contact USA.gov at:

Toll-free: (844) 872-4681

GovSales.gov

Each year the federal government sells billions of dollars of surplus, seized, forfeited and exchange or sale assets. GovSales, managed by the General Services Administration (GSA), is a centralized, citizen-centered website that was created to make it easy for people and businesses

to locate government assets for sale.

The GSA also maintains a mailing list for frequent purchasers of government property. To be placed on their mailing list, write the GSA regional sales office servicing your location.

The regional office servicing Wisconsin is:

**Personal Property Sales
US GSA
230 S Dearborn St
MS 34-6 Rm 3800
Chicago, IL 60604**

Phone: (312) 886-8677

Fax: (312) 886-0807

Usmarshals.gov/assets

The U.S. Marshals Service plays a critical role by managing and selling assets seized and forfeited by federal law enforcement agencies nationwide. The Marshals Service manages various types of assets, including real estate, vehicles, commercial businesses, cash, financial instruments, jewelry, art, antiques, collectibles, vessels and aircraft. In 2014 the U.S. Marshals managed \$2.2 billion in assets.

For more information contact the U.S. Marshals at:

Toll-free: (888) 878-3256

Phone: (202) 307-9221

Treasury.gov/auctions

Each year approximately 300 public auctions are conducted throughout the U.S. and Puerto Rico to sell property forfeited as a result of violations of federal law enforced by the U.S. Department of Treasury or nonpayment of Internal Revenue Service taxes. A wide variety of merchandise is available, including automobiles, aircraft, boats, real estate, jewelry, electronics, wearing apparel, industrial equipment, and miscellaneous goods. Property includes both new and used goods.

For more information about the US Treasury contact:

**US Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, D.C. 20220**

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WisconsinSurplus.com

WisconsinSurplus.com is an on-line auction service based in Madison WI. It is dedicated to selling, via an on-line Internet bidding process, certain assets surplus to the present needs of the State of Wisconsin as well as other Wisconsin cities, counties and municipalities.

WisconsinSurplus.com is a contracted vendor for the State of Wisconsin, Department of Administration, to provide the state with their required on-line auction needs. All items listed for bids and/or for sale on this site

are items considered surplus and/or excess to the on-going daily needs of the various State of Wisconsin departments and agencies.

For more information about the auction, contact Wisconsin Surplus at:

(608) 437-2001

For more information or to file a complaint, visit our website or contact the Bureau of Consumer Protection.

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