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Oklahoma Launches Online Auctions for Surplus State Property

OKLAHOMA CITY – Oklahoma is one of few states to now offer the public a Web-based service to search and bid on surplus state property. The Oklahoma Online Surplus Property Auction is available through the state's official Web site at www.OK.gov.

The online service will give the public fast and easy access to bid on state surplus items. In particular, the Oklahoma Online Surplus Property Auction will give people outside of the greater Oklahoma City area an equal opportunity to participate in auctions." The Online Surplus Property Auction is an excellent example of how technology can connect government with citizens in Oklahoma and throughout the world," said Governor Brad Henry. "We are excited that the Department of Central Services is able to provide this service."

Registering to participate in online auctions is easy. Registered users have access to an online directory of surplus items, and the auction property listings include digital photos and descriptions of each item's condition and specific details. If a visitor is interested in an item, a sealed bid may be submitted online. Bid amounts are kept confidential and every bidder is notified through the site and via e-mail once the auction has ended. Registered users can also set up "watch lists" to monitor the site for desired items.

Users are able to pay for the winning item online via Visa, MasterCard, and Discover credit card, or by an approved purchase order. All online purchases are processed through OK.gov's secure payment server, and shipping is also available for many items.

The Online Surplus Property auction system has an administrative module that replaces paper-intensive tasks with easy management and maintenance tools. Department of Central Services employees can maintain items, manage user accounts, and retrieve a number of reports that track statistical data, shipment orders, and sold items. The online service is expected to generate significant time savings, which will allow agency staff to focus on other value-added responsibilities.

The online auction service is the result of a partnership between DCS and OK.gov.

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