



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT DRMS: BUYING FROM THE GOVERNMENT

Q: What is Excess Property?

A: Excess property comprises every kind of personal property purchased by the Government, from tools to file cabinets, office furniture, motor vehicles, etc. When items are no longer needed by an agency, they are declared “excess” and turned in to the nearest DRMO (field office).

Q: How does DRMS dispose of property?

A: DRMS’ basic function is to find new homes for used property. This is done by first, trying to Reutilize the property within the Department of Defense (DoD). Property that survives is then offered to other Federal Agencies and through Donations to a City, State, or eligible Non-Profit organization through one of the State Agencies for Surplus Property. If we cannot find a need there, property is then sold to the public.

Q: How can I get DoD surplus property for my non-profit organization?

A: State Agencies for Surplus Property are among several entities eligible for access to Surplus Property. State Agencies can determine if donees are eligible recipients of surplus personal property. Contact the state agency in your geographic location for assistance. To find your state representative please call (703) 308-0374.

Q: Who can buy surplus government property?

A: DRMS’ sales and those sales handled by its contracted partner is open to the general public and to all US Government personnel except those who have any functional or supervisory responsibility for the DRMS sales program. Purchasers must be 18 years of age or older.

Q: How is property sold?

A. DRMS is implementing changes in the way we sell surplus Government property, simplifying our sales process to better serve our customers. We are in the process of privatizing most of our public sales through partnering with commercial firms. The only sales handled by DRMS to the general public currently consist of hazardous, demil and scrap recycling material.

Our partner for usable property sales is **Government Liquidation**. They provide customers with the latest in marketing services from on-line sales, catalogs and auctions. Please visit our partner **Government Liquidation’s** website www.govliquidation.com/ to find out how you can purchase U.S. Government Surplus or e-mail them at: info@govliquidation.com.

You may also write:

Government Liquidation
6163 N. Scottsdale Rd, Suite 371
Scottsdale, AZ 85250

Q: What Is available for sale?

A: Property sold through DRMS partner is original U.S. Government surplus property used for military and nonmilitary purposes. Examples include aircraft and parts, bearings, clothing, computers, construction and building materials, electronics, hand tools, hardware, household furnishings, painting and packaging supplies, service and small craft, vehicles and parts and much more.

Q: How can I find out what will be coming up for sale?

A: For sales handled by DRMS, customers can obtain information on dates and times of upcoming sales, review and download sales catalogs, for free at our web site www.drms.dla.mil/newsales/html/catalogs.html . For a fee, Peckham will also mail hard copy catalogs to you based on the type of property you identify.

Catalogs are mailed out only when enough property has been generated to conduct a sale. An application for Peckham is enclosed.

Q: What else do I need to know about buying direct from DRMS?

A: Used and unused Department of Defense items declared excess are turned in to our DRMOs on a regular basis. We recommend that you inspect the property you seek prior to bidding. If you win the bid, it is your responsibility to remove and transport your property. There are transportation

companies you can contact that will provide this service for a fee. If you need a customs broker to process your property for overseas delivery, the National customs Broker and Forwarder Association of America can Supply you with a list. To contact the association call 1-202-466-0222 or access their web site www.ncbfaa.org.

Purchased items may be paid for by cash, credit card (VISA, MasterCard or Discover), or guaranteed credit instrument (e.g., certified check, money order, bank draft, or letter of credit – personal checks are accepted for payment of ancillary charges of \$25 or under). Payment is due prior to removal of property.

Q: How should I determine how much to bid?

A: Prior to submitting a bid, consider a) the weight and cost of transporting the property; b) the condition of the property; c) the quantity available; and d) the use or resale value of the property. You should bid what you believe the property actually is worth to you. To obtain more detailed information about property with National Stock Numbers, you can purchase a CD-ROM from:

Defense Logistic Information Service
Freedom of Information Office
74 Washington Ave., N., Ste 7
Battle Creek, MI 49017-3092
Telephone: (269) 961-4958/5729/5663
Fax: (269) 961-5305
Email: dli-support@dliis.dla.mil

Q: Are there any items that DRMS cannot sell to the public?

A: Jeeps. The M-151 series of vehicles commonly referred to as Jeeps are not available for sale. The Department of Transportation (DoT) has ruled that Jeeps are built for off-road use and could become unsafe at high speed. Therefore, for public safety, the unitized body, drive shaft and front and rear suspension systems must be shredded and / or crushed in such a manner as to completely prevent rebuild into a usable unitized body.

Humvee. The military version of the Humvee does not meet DoT commercial safety standards and is not being offered for sale by DRMS.

Weapons / Ammunition. Guns, tanks, planes and items that have offensive capabilities (e.g., weapons) or defensive characteristics (e.g., bulletproof vests) are destroyed to prevent release to the public. Live ammunition is also not sold to the general public. We do sell spent or fired small arms shell casings for reloading or scrap.

Q: Does DRMS handle the sale of real estate and confiscated property?

Real Estate. DRMS does not sell real estate or buildings (including missile sites). GSA's Public Buildings Service sells most surplus government real estate. For information, you may call 1-800-472-1313 or request a free copy of the U.S. Real Property Sales List by writing the Federal Consumer Information Center, Pueblo, CO 81009 or calling 1-888-8PUEBLO. Information on real property sales can be obtained through the web www.propertydisposal.gsa.gov. Also, information on commercial real estate that HUD sells can be obtained through Internet www.hud.gov/broker1.html

Confiscated Property. DRMS does not sell confiscated or seized property (e.g., furs, jewelry, sports cars, luxury boats). This property is sold by the seizing agency (e.g., U.S. Customs, U.S. Marshals or Treasury Department). Check this web site for multiple government web links to those government agencies selling confiscated property. www.treas.gov/auctions/

Q: What is the Scrap Venture Project?

A: DRMS is looking to partner with private industry in the management and sale of our U.S. scrap metals inventory. We will ask private firms to bid on the contract to purchase scrap material through a seven-year proceeds sharing sale. This will include all sites within the United States and the territories of Guam, Puerto Rico, and Guantanamo (Cuba). Contract award is projected for mid-2003. All sales are open to the public. More details can be found on our web at www.drms.dla.mil/newsales/html/special_sales.html

Q: How can I become a contractor for DRMS?

A: If it is decided to re-compete a particular contract, then contract notices and advertisements will be placed in all the main trade publications. You can also inform our contracts branch, at any time, of your company's interest so when a suitable contract comes up for renewal you can be informed on a direct basis.

To begin the registration process now or for further information, please call the Defense Logistics Information Services (DLIS) Customer Service at 1-888-352-9333 or access the following Web Link:

www.dlis.dla.mil/ccr/default.asp