Surplus Personal Property of State Agencies Now Available for Purchase by Tennessee Cities

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By action of the 1973 Tennessee General Assembly, surplus personal property of state agencies will now be made available for purchase by Tennessee cities, counties and other agencies of the state.

Conferences soon will be conducted by the Purchasing Division of the State Department of General Services in various sections of the state to explain procedures for the sale of state surplus personal property to local governments. City officials will be notified of dates and locations of these conferences.

According to David E. Jean, director of the Purchasing Division, state agencies may declare surplus equipment, material or supplies. Exceptions, which may not be listed as surplus, are perishables, property or material having an individual acquisition cost of less than $50 (unless such item has been placed under the inventory of the respective agency), or property purchased partially or wholly with federal funds and in which the federal government retains an interest (this requires disposition through the General Services Administration of the federal government).

Those personal property items declared surplus by a state agency will be listed in a supplement to the General Catalog, State of Tennessee, Department of Standards and Purchases (previously distributed to provide information about state contracts for purchases of equipment, materials and supplies). The Division of Purchasing will update the listings of surplus property available and provide a new supplement approximately every 30 days to all local governments and agencies receiving the General Catalog. Each item will be described, along with information about the agency holding the property, the location of the property, and the price for purchase.

The supplements will be dated when distributed and all items listed will be available for transfer or sale for a period of 45 days subsequent to the date of the report.

All reported surplus property will be disposed of on a first-come-first-served basis, with the exception of automobiles and trucks, which will not be sold or transferred to another state agency. Cities and counties may obtain property at the price listed by issuing a purchase order. Payment would be by a check made out to the releasing department.

The State Property Administrator will assume control and jurisdiction of all property reported as surplus and not sold within 45 days after the date of the consolidated report. The State Property Administrator may then dispose of the property by storage in a central warehouse, by public sale or by destruction.
For further information, city officials should contact David E. Jean, Director, Division of Purchasing, Department of General Services, State of Tennessee, Central Services Building, Nashville 37219, Phone 215/741-2081. Any city not presently receiving the General Catalog should contact Mr. Jean to be placed on the mailing list.

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