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DMB surplus land sales generate \$32.3 million and save \$1.7 million in maintenance costs

LANSING – The Michigan Department of Management and Budget recently completed its 20th sale of surplus property, generating \$32.3 million in revenue and saving Michigan taxpayers \$1.7 million in costs associated with maintaining the property.

“DMB’s work to identify and remove surplus property from Michigan’s real estate portfolio benefits taxpayers and local communities,” said Lisa Webb Sharpe, DMB director. “This effort supports Governor Granholm’s goal of returning surplus property to productive use, generating revenue and enhancing municipal services.”

Fifteen of the twenty properties have been conveyed to local units of government, including several former Michigan State Police posts that have been returned to public use. Property sold to the Pontiac Public Schools will be used for the district’s new high school. Sales of two state office buildings in Detroit to private developers and 700 acres in York Township to Toyota are expected to yield tax dollars and bring new jobs to Michigan. Two other properties were conveyed to nonprofit organizations that provide services to youth or disabled individuals.

Since Fiscal Year 2004, DMB has ramped up efforts to return surplus property to productive use, conveying most of the property to local units of government. The department credits its success to hard work and cooperative efforts with other state agencies and the Legislature. Legislative approval is required for each DMB land sale, which results in passage of a statute for each conveyance. Each property sale must comply with the statute’s conditions.

DMB continues to evaluate state government’s property needs and recommend surplus parcels and facilities for sale. Information about surplus property sales and leasing opportunities is available on the department’s Web site: www.michigan.gov/dmb.

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