



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE AGENCIES FOR SURPLUS PROPERTY

The National Association of State Agencies for Surplus Property, Inc (NASASP) was formed in 1947. NASASP is a private, 507 © (6) organization. Members of NASASP, Inc. (NASASP) are the State Agencies for Surplus Property (SASPs) of the 50 States, U.S. Territories, and the District of Columbia. We represent 67,000 donee organizations including villages, towns and townships, counties, 8 (a) businesses, public educational institutions, public health agencies, public safety (police, emergency management and fire), boy scouts and girl scouts, libraries, not-for-profit organizations including educational institutions, health institutions, private schools, veteran’s homes, senior centers, homeless shelters, food banks, Veteran’s Service Organizations, small businesses, and other eligible recipients as determined by Federal law. Our Agencies ensure fair and equitable distribution of Federal surplus property. We serve the neediest of America’s organizations. All recipients of the donated property are held accountable under Federal and State statutes. We network across the country and the world with our donee organizations through a system of communications, warehousing and transportation. We are the partners on an international level with the General Services Administration (GSA) to administer the Federal Surplus Personal Property Donation Program.

THE FEDERAL SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY DONATION PROGRAM

The United States Congress fulfills its responsibility under the United States Constitution to “make all needful rules and regulations respecting the territory or other property of the United States.” In the exercise of this authority, Congress has passed laws about property designed to serve the best interests of the citizens. These laws are based on the premise that the public is the actual owner of Government property and Federal agencies that hold and utilize such property are merely custodians of it. Consequently, personal property management laws require Federal agencies to transfer excess personal property to other Federal agencies as the highest utilization of such property. When no Federal need is expressed, the next highest priority is to transfer the property and continue its public use through the SASPs. This system has served the public well for many years, allowing the property to continue to serve the public throughout its useful life. The Federal Surplus Personal Property Program is the conduit for the Federal government to transfer surplus property to eligible recipients throughout the authorized SASPs. This Program was approved by Congress in 1949 as the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, later codified under US Code as title 40, Section 549. The GSA promulgates the rules and regulations for the Program as Federal Management Regulations. They are responsible along with the state agencies for surplus property to ensure compliance with all of the rules and regulations formed to protect the Program and the Federal property. The transfer of property is complete when an eligible entity has used the property in the proper manner for the prescribed period of restriction. It is then that the title passes from the Federal government to the end user.

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