

## City of Tulsa Purchasing Former Laura Dester Center located in the Pearl District

The former Laura Dester Center was constructed in 1948 as the Tulsa Boys' Home. Until the new Laura Dester Center was built in 2010, the Department of Human Services used the facility as a shelter to temporarily house abused and neglected children.

OMES is selling this property, located at 619 S. Quincy St. in Tulsa, OK, to the City of Tulsa through an interlocal agreement for \$955,000 plus closing and misc. costs. The City of Tulsa will use the property to mitigate future flooding potential. The area is a crucial component of what's needed to correct the drainage issues they are now suffering. This is a positive situation for

both parties, as the funds from the sale will go into the state's Maintenance of State Buildings Revolving Fund to be used for capital improvements to other state buildings.



## Tulsa's Pearl District

The Pearl District is a neighborhood bordered north by Interstate 244, south by 11th St., west by U.S. Highway 75 and east by Utica Ave.



## What Does Eliminating 100 File Cabinets Mean in Savings?

OMES Central Purchasing is cutting their file space by 100 file cabinets. This equates to a savings of approximately 900 square feet in office space, or \$12,150 per year in rental costs. Way to go, Central Purchasing!

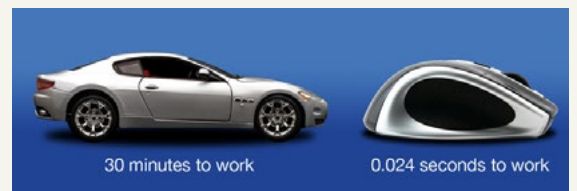
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## Telework

Office trends are changing, which can be a very good thing. Telework is a work arrangement that allows an employee to conduct work during any part of regular, paid hours at an approved alternative worksite.

Some benefits of telework:

- Provides uninterrupted time to read and think.
- Increases employee productivity and motivation.
- Higher density of space utilization.
- Reduces vehicular pollution.
- Improves work-life balance.
- Allows government services to continue during emergency situations.
- Provides greater flexibility.
- Reduces employee stress from commute.
- Reduces personal costs.
- Reduces rent and energy usage.



## To Buy Bulk Paper Supply or Not to Buy Bulk Paper Supply?

Many state agencies buy copy paper in bulk to save money. REALS advises agencies to analyze the cost of the space to store the extra paper when making the decision. For example, a 100 square foot room costs the state from \$300 per year for warehouse space to \$1,200 per year for average office space. If you would like help analyzing, please contact REALS for assistance.



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