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# State of Oklahoma Surplus Bargains Available Online at <u>http://www.Auction.OK.gov</u>

**OKLAHOMA CITY** – July 14, 2009 – Bargains can be found online through the state of Oklahoma by logging onto <u>http://www.Auction.OK.gov</u>. Visitors can find anything from knives to bulldozers and classic cars to refrigerators. By registering for an account, users can place a bid or maximum bid on items and monitor the status of their bids without leaving home.

<u>Auction.OK.gov</u> is the state's online state surplus property auction site that enables visitors to place bids and make secure online payments for Oklahoma's state surplus property. Registered users of the system can also subscribe to email notifications for similar items of those that they are bidding on and add items to a customized "watch" list.

"Auction.OK.gov has proven to be an important factor for us in moving state surplus because items are much more visible to the public, both to bidders in Oklahoma and around the world," said Gerry Ann Smedley, Public Information Officer for the Department of Central Services. "The online service also allows state entities from around Oklahoma to provide us with pictures and descriptions of surplus items without ever having to ship them to our main surplus warehouse in Oklahoma City, which helps move items more efficiently through the disposal process and eliminates the need for a large warehouse."

The online auction has been live since May of 2005 and has more than 7,900 registered bidders. In 2008, online sales constituted for approximately 24% of total sales. <u>Auction.OK.gov</u> accepts Visa, MasterCard, or debit card for winning bid payments. The payments are processed through a secure payment engine, which abides by rigorous policies and procedures to ensure that vendors can be confident that their payments are safe, private, and secure.

<u>Auction.OK.gov</u> is a product of a partnership between the Department of Central Services and <u>OK.gov</u>, Oklahoma's Official Web site.

### About the Department of Central Services

The Department of Central Services assists customers in accomplishing their missions by providing essential services and quality solutions through: procurement, facilities, real estate, construction, fleet, risk management, property reutilization, printing and distribution. For more information, visit <u>http://www.dcs.ok.gov</u>.

#### About OK.gov

OK.gov (<u>http://www.OK.gov</u>) built and manages the official Web site for the state of Oklahoma and partners with state and local entities to bring new government services online. OK.gov is managed by the Oklahoma Office of State Finance and eGovernment firm NIC (NASDAQ: <u>EGOV</u>).

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