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DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES

Bureau of Supplies and Surplus Operations Offers Money Saving Programs

Did you know that in addition to the extensive selection of products available through the COSTARS program, most COSTARS member organizations can also take advantage of the Federal and/or State Surplus Property Programs offered by the Bureau of Supplies and Surplus Operations (BSSO)?

Federal and/or state surplus property includes items such as medical equipment, vehicles, office supplies, furniture, kitchen equipment and much more. When an agency declares an item excess to its needs, it's first offered to other government agencies. If no interest is expressed among these agencies, the property becomes surplus and is made available to eligible nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations at a nominal charge to cover the costs of administering the program.

Some examples of eligible organizations include:

- ✓ Colleges and Universities
- ✓ Councils of Governments
- ✓ Fire and Rescue Departments
- ✓ Hospitals
- ✓ Municipalities
- ✓ Museums
- ✓ Public Libraries
- ✓ Schools
- ✓ Shelters and Food Banks

Through this program, the Bureau of Supplies and Surplus Operations is able to place millions of dollars' worth of property back into public use in Pennsylvania, saving taxpayers \$2 - \$3 million annually.

In addition to the Federal and State Surplus Property Programs, BSSO offers:

- Federal Fixed Price Vehicle Program
- Law Enforcement 1033 Excess Property Program
- Law Enforcement 1122 New Property Program
- Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Surplus Property Program

To learn more about these programs or to find out if your organization qualifies, visit the [Bureau of Supplies and Surplus Operations](#) website.