

**U.S. General Services Administration
Invitation for Bids**

**SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
Wilkes-Barre, PA Parking Lot
IFB Number PEACH420007001
GSA Control No. 4-G-PA-1171-AC
Issued on 07/27/2020**

This Property is located at 1001 PA Highway 315 in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18702. The vacant Property consists of approximately 0.40 acre of land.

Bids for the purchase of the Property described in the Property Description portion of this Invitation for Bids will be received continuously and will be posted at RealEstateSales.gov.

Auction Summary

Sale Type: **Online Auction**

Start Date: **July 27, 2020 at 9:00 AM CT**

End Date: **September 16, 2020 at 4:00 PM CT**

Starting Bid: **\$120,000.00**

Registration Deposit: **\$10,000.00**

Bid Increment: **\$5,000.00**

Send Bid Form and Registration Deposit to:

U.S. General Services Administration
Real Property Utilization and Disposal (4PZ)
77 Forsyth Street, SW
Atlanta, GA 30303-3458
Attn: Tod J. Taylor

Property Disposal Web Page

<https://propertydisposal.gsa.gov>

Inspection Opportunities:

The Property will be open for inspection on the dates listed below.

Sales Information

Tod J. Taylor
Phone: 404-215-6751
Email: tod.taylor@gsa.gov

Online Auction

RealEstateSales.gov
Register and submit your bid

Online Auction Assistance

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PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

1. LOCATION AND SETTING

This Property is located at 1001 PA Highway 315, Wilkes-Barre, PA at the northeast corner of PA Highway 315 and the entrance ramp for Northbound PA Highway 309 at Lat/Long 41°15'08.3"N 75°49'54.6"W.

2. SALE PARCEL DESCRIPTION

The property is a rectangular-shaped parcel with a reported area of approximately 0.40 acre located on the north side of PA Highway 315 directly across the road from the former US Army Reserve Center and to the west of Jack Williams Tire and Auto Service Center. The subject property is vacant and partially paved.

3. LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Tract: A103 (excess land disposal)

A certain Tract of land situated in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Luzerne County, Township of Plains, being designated as Tract A103 of the United States Army Reserve Center Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, Military Reservation, and more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the northwest right-of-way line of Pennsylvania State Highway No. 315 (Legislative Route No. 315), said point being a corner common between land now or formerly owned by Angeline Gurnari and said Tract A103; thence running and binding to the division line between said Gurnari and Tract A103,

North 21°41'08" West 150.00 feet; thence running and binding to the northerly division line of said Tract A103,

North 68°18'52" East 116.00 feet; thence running and binding to the easterly side of said Tract A103,

South 21°41'08" East 150.00 feet to another point in said Pennsylvania State Highway No. 315 right-of-way line; thence running and binding to said right-of-way line,

South 68°18'52" West 116.00 feet to the point of beginning containing 0.40 of an acre, more or less.

It is the intent of the foregoing description to include the same land as described in Civil Case No. 8858, United States of America, Plaintiff, vs. Clement W. Perkins, et al, Defendants, filed 4 March 1965 in the U.S. District Court for Middle District of Pennsylvania, and recorded in the land records of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, 9 March 1965 in Deed Book 1562, Page 329.

4. TAX PARCEL ID (OR ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO.)

50-H10S2-001-005-000

Luzerne County, Pennsylvania

5. TRANSFER

On November 19, 2018, the Property was conveyed to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (the "Commonwealth") for emergency management purposes. The conveyance was subject to Section 203 (k) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended ("Act"). Under the provisions of the Act, the use of the Property is restricted for certain emergency management purposes as outlined in the Deed. The Government retains a reversionary interest in the Property until all of the obligations are fulfilled.

The Grantee was unable to comply with all of the conditions of the transfer. In lieu of the Government

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exercising its right to reenter and revert title for breach, the Government has elected to market and competitively sell the property on behalf of the Commonwealth for the benefit of the Government. The Commonwealth has agreed to the terms of repositioning the sale of the property and shall cooperate with the sale. The Commonwealth has executed a deed to convey the Property to an unnamed Purchaser with an unspecified amount of consideration. This deed is being held in escrow by GSA. GSA has also executed a Release of the Use Restrictions currently encumbering the property, which is also being held in escrow. At the time of the public sale real estate closing, GSA will advise the Purchaser's escrow agent to coordinate the closing and create a page substitution for the first page of the deed evidencing the Purchaser ("New Grantee") and the amount of consideration. Additionally, the Government will lift the use restrictions on the property by recording the executed Release of Restrictions. Signature redacted copies of the copy of the original 2018 deed, current Release of Restrictions and executed Deed can be obtained from Tod J. Taylor at tod.taylor@gsa.gov.

6. EASEMENTS, ENCROACHMENTS AND RESERVATIONS

Subject to any line right of ways including electric line, telephone line, cable lines, water and sewer line right of ways in use and existing in, on, or under the ground and all rights in relation thereto.

Subject to easement for right-of-way to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation contained in Department of Army Easement for Road or Street, No. DACA-31-2-89-250, a copy of which can be obtained from Tod J. Taylor at tod.taylor@gsa.gov.

7. UTILITIES & SERVICE PROVIDERS

Procurement of utility service shall be the responsibility of the Purchaser as of the date of conveyance. Bidders are urged to contact utility providers for the local service area. Below are the current utility service providers.

Electric: PPL Electric – 800-342-5775

Natural Gas: UGI Utilities Inc – 800-276-2722

Water: Pennsylvania American Water – 800-565-7292

Solid Waste Disposal: Wilkes-Barre Department of Public Works – 570-208-4240

TERMS OF SALE

1. DEFINITIONS

a. AUTOMATIC BID

Also known as “bid by proxy” wherein the bidder establishes a person to bid on their behalf at auction up to a certain limit. In the case of online auctions, computers have automated the proxy role and bidders establish their bid limits online and the software answers bid challenges by automatically making the next bid increment up to the proxy limit.

b. BACKUP BIDDER

The term “Backup Bidder” refers to the bidder, whose bid conforms to the terms and conditions of the IFB, is the second-highest dollar bid at the close of the auction and is determined by the Government to be the second most acceptable bid.

c. BIDDER(S)

The term “Bidder” or “Bidders” as used herein refers to the offeror or offerors for the purchase of the subject Property, and is used interchangeably with “you.”

d. BID INCREMENT/INTERVAL

The “Bid Increment” is the minimum amount of money required to increase a starting or current bid. “Bid Interval” is the maximum amount of time in which to make a bid before the auction ends. The Bid Interval is also referred to as the Inactivity Period at RealEstateSales.gov.

e. CLOSE TIME

Close Time is stated on the RealEstateSales.gov website in the “Item Information” section and represented by the Time Remaining countdown clock as the time remaining for making bids. **Online auction sales cannot end on Weekends or Federal Holidays.**

f. EARNEST MONEY

The term “Earnest Money” refers to the Bidder’s deposit of money demonstrating the Purchaser’s good faith offer to the Government to fully execute and comply with all terms, conditions, covenants and agreements contained in any contract resulting from the Government’s acceptance of the Bidder’s offered bid price. Once a bid is accepted by the Government for contract, all prior deposits made by the Purchaser to register for the sale, subject to this Invitation for Bids, become Earnest Money to the benefit, custody, accountability and control of the Government.

g. FLAT BID

A flat bid is for an amount at least the current bid plus the posted minimum Bid Increment. If the bid is greater than another bidder’s automatic bid, the system will consider this flat bid as the current (winning) bid. If the bid is less than or equal to another bidder’s automatic bid, the system will record the bid but it will not be considered the current (winning) bid.

h. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

The term “General Services Administration” (“GSA”) as used herein refers to the United States General Services Administration, a Federal agency conducting this sale in agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Commonwealth has full custody of and all accountability for all matters, known and unknown, concerning the physical, title, and environmental condition of the Property.

i. GOVERNMENT

The term “Government” as used herein refers to the United States of America.

j. GRANTOR

The term "Grantor" as used herein refers to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

k. HIGH BIDDER

The term "High Bidder" refers to the bidder, whose bid conforms to the terms and conditions of the IFB, is the highest dollar bid at the close of the auction and is determined by the Government to be the most acceptable bid.

l. INVITATION FOR BIDS

The term "Invitation for Bids" ("IFB") refers to this document and the following items that are attached hereto and incorporated herein: the Property Description; Terms of Sale; Instructions to Bidders; Notice and Covenants and/or Special Terms of Sale (if applicable); Bidder Registration and Bid Form for Purchase of Property; Exhibits and Additional Documents. Should the aforementioned documents be modified or supplemented by any addenda or amendments, or replaced by a new issue, issued by the Government prior to the conclusion of the online auction, those modifications, addenda or amendments, shall be part of the reissued IFB.

m. PROPERTY

The term "Property" refers to the property or properties described in the Property Description of this IFB.

n. PURCHASER

The term "Purchaser" refers to the bidder whose bid the Government accepts and is used interchangeably with "Buyer" and "New Grantee."

o. WEBSITE

The GSA Auctions® website, GSAAuctions.gov, has been developed to allow the general public the opportunity to bid electronically on a wide array of Federal assets, including real property. Auctions for real property are offered as a separate asset category at GSA Auctions and can be viewed at RealEstateSales.gov. Additional information can also be found at propertydisposal.gsa.gov.

2. DESCRIPTION PROVIDED IN IFB

The description of the Property, and all other information provided with respect to the Property set forth in the IFB, are based on the best information available to GSA, Real Property Utilization and Disposal (4PZ) and are believed to be correct. Any error or omission, including but not limited to, the omission of any information available to the agency having custody over the Property and/or any other Federal agency, shall NOT constitute grounds or reason for nonperformance of the contract of sale, or claim by Purchaser for allowance, refund or deduction from the purchase price. The IFB is made available at Realestatesales.gov and may be modified and amended by the Government at any time prior to the conclusion of the auction. Bidder agrees and accepts that notices of any changes to the descriptions provided in this IFB is satisfactory when made available on either or both of GSA's real property disposal websites at RealEstateSales.gov and/or disposal.gsa.gov.

3. INSPECTION

The Property is vacant land and may be inspected at any time. Bidders are invited, urged, and cautioned to inspect the Property prior to submitting a bid. Photos provided by the Government may not represent the condition or existence of any improvements of the Property and are NOT to be relied upon in place of the Bidder's own inspection. Any maps, illustrations or other graphical images of the Property are provided for visual context and are NOT to be relied upon in place of the Bidder's own inspection. The failure of any bidder to inspect, or to be fully informed as to the condition of all or any portion of the Property, will not constitute grounds for any claim or demand for adjustment or withdrawal of a bid after the auction.

4. CONTRACT

The IFB and the bid, when accepted by the Government shall constitute an agreement for sale (“Agreement”) between the high bidder (“Purchaser”) and the Government. Such Agreement shall constitute the whole contract to be succeeded only by the formal instrument(s) of transfer, unless modified in writing and signed by both parties. No oral statements or representations made by, or for, or on behalf of either party shall be a part of such contract. In addition, the Purchaser shall not transfer or assign the Agreement without the express written consent of the Government. Any assignment transaction without such consent shall be void.

5. CONDITION OF PROPERTY

The Property is offered for sale **“AS IS” AND “WHERE IS”** without representation or warranty, expressed or implied. The Purchaser, and Purchaser’s successors and assigns, or any party-in-possession of the Property, or any part thereof, further acknowledges that neither the Grantor nor the Government makes any representations or warranty concerning the title, zoning, character, condition, size, quantity, quality and state of repair of the Property. The Government makes no other agreement or promise to alter, improve, adapt or repair the Property not otherwise contained herein. Purchaser shall rely solely on its own due diligence and examination of the Property. Purchaser acknowledges that there will be no claims or any allowances or deductions upon grounds that the Property is not in condition or fit to be used for any purpose intended by the Purchaser after the conclusion of the auction. All personal property remaining on the Property will be considered part of the sale and will be conveyed “As-Is/Where-Is” at the time of sale closing as part of the Quitclaim Deed. The Grantor and/or Government makes no claims to the condition of these items, their fitness for use, or the amount of items to be included in the sale. An “As Is, Where Is” provision will be included in the Quitclaim Deed.

6. ZONING

The Property is subject to the jurisdiction of Plains Township Zoning Office (570-829-3439 ext 4141) and is zoned B-3 Highway Business District. Verification of the present zoning and determination of permitted uses, along with compliance of the Property for any proposed future use, shall be the responsibility of the bidder; and the Government makes no representation in regard to zoning matters. Any inaccuracies or changes in the zoning information shall NOT be cause for adjustment or rescission of any contract resulting from this IFB.

For more information contact:

Plains Township Zoning Office
570-829-3439 ext 4141

7. RISK OF LOSS

As of the date conveyance, the Purchaser shall assume all responsibility for care and handling and all risks of loss or damage to the Property, including but not limited to all buildings and other improvements located thereon, and assume all obligations and liabilities of ownership and no claim for any allowance or deduction upon such grounds will be considered after the conclusion of an auction.

8. TAXES, ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER COSTS

As of the date of conveyance, the Purchaser shall assume responsibility for all general and special real and personal property taxes or other assessments which have been or may be assessed on the Property, and for all sums due to be paid by the Government in lieu of taxes, which amount shall be prorated.

9. REVOCATION OF BID AND DEFAULT

Purchaser agrees that bids made to purchase the Property are binding offers and once accepted for contract by the Government, all deposits made by the Purchaser to register for the sale, subject to this Invitation for Bids, become Earnest Money to the benefit, custody and accountability of the Government.

In the event of (1) revocation of a bid after the conclusion of an auction, but prior to acceptance of the high bid by the Government, or (2) in the event of revocation of a bid after notice of acceptance, or (3) in

the event of any default by the Purchaser in the performance of the contract of sale created by such acceptance, or (4) in the event of failure by the Purchaser to consummate the transaction, the Purchaser agrees that any Earnest Money and all deposits paid to the Government in any acceptable form, including credit card, together with any payments subsequently made on account, are subject to forfeit by the Purchaser to the Government at the option of the Government as damages for breach of contract, in which event the Purchaser shall be relieved from further liability. Purchaser agrees that all deposits made with credit cards are subject to forfeit upon Government determination of Purchaser's default and breach of contract. Purchaser shall not request retrieval, chargeback or any other cardholder refund.

Purchaser agrees and understands that a debt to the United States of America subject to claim or collection by applicable Federal law may be created if their Earnest Money is in any way made unavailable to the Government and that any party that knowingly participates in such retrieval or refund may be held fully accountable for interfering with a Government contract.

10. GOVERNMENT LIABILITY

If the Government accepts a bid for the purchase of the Property and (1) the Grantor and/or Government fails for any reason to perform its obligations as set forth herein; or (2) title does not transfer or vest in the Purchaser for any reason, although Purchaser is ready, willing, and able to close; or (3) any other contractual claim or cause of action hereafter accrues in favor of Purchaser under the terms of this IFB, Government's liability to Purchaser shall be strictly limited to all amounts of money Purchaser has paid to Government without interest whereupon Government shall have no further liability to Purchaser.

11. TITLE EVIDENCE

Any bidder, at its sole cost and expense, may procure any title evidence that the said bidder desires. The Government will, however, cooperate with the Purchaser or their authorized agent in this transaction, and will permit examination and inspection of such deeds, abstracts, affidavits of title, judgments in condemnation proceedings, or other documents relating to the title of the premises and Property involved, as it may have available. It is understood and agreed that the Government is not obligated to pay for any expense incurred in connection with title matters or survey of the Property.

12. TITLE

If a bid for the purchase of the Property is accepted, a quitclaim deed or a deed without warranty in conformity with local law and practice will convey the real property interest. The Government does not pay for or provide title insurance.

13. EASEMENTS, ENCROACHMENTS AND RESERVATIONS

The Property will be sold subject to any and all covenants, reservations, easements, restrictions, encroachments, and rights, recorded or unrecorded, in favor of third parties, for highways, streets, power lines, telephone lines and equipment, pipelines, drainage, sewer and water mains and lines, public utilities, public roads, railroads and other rights-of-way, and any easements, reservations, rights and covenants reserved by the Government and Grantor herein.

14. COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

The Purchaser warrants that he or she has not employed or retained any person or agency to solicit or secure this contract upon any agreement or understanding for commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee. Breach of this warranty shall give the Government the right to annul the contract without liability or in its discretion to recover from the Purchaser the amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee in addition to the consideration herewith set forth. This warranty shall not apply to commissions payable by the Purchaser upon the contract secured or made through bona fide established commercial agencies maintained by the Purchaser for the purpose of doing business. "Bona fide established commercial agencies" has been construed to include licensed real estate brokers engaged in the business generally.

15. CONTINUING OFFERS

Each bid received shall be deemed to be a continuing offer for sixty (60) calendar days after the close of the online auction until the bid is accepted or rejected by the Government.

If the Government desires to accept any bid after the expiration of the sixty (60) calendar days, the consent of the bidder shall be obtained prior to such acceptance.

16. TENDER OF PAYMENT AND DELIVERY OF INSTRUMENT OF CONVEYANCE

Prior to closing, the Purchaser or Purchaser's agent must open an escrow account with an independent, unaffiliated escrow company ("Escrow Holder") to handle the closing. All closing costs, including escrow fees and document handling expenses, shall be borne solely by the Purchaser. As part of the closing, the Government will provide escrow instructions to the Escrow Holder regarding the recording, disposition of proceeds and related matters.

The closing date of the sale is sixty (60) calendar days after acceptance of the bid. Upon written agreement by the Government, the Purchaser may close the transaction prior to the sixty (60) calendar-day period.

On the closing date, the Purchaser shall tender to the Purchaser's Escrow Holder the balance of the purchase price in the form of a cashier's check, certified check or electronic wire transfer. Upon confirmation that Purchaser's funds have been received by the Purchaser's Escrow Holder, the Government shall deliver the instrument or instruments to the Purchaser's Escrow Holder for recordation.

Possession of the Property will be assumed by the Purchaser at the time of closing. The Government reserves the right to extend the closing date for a reasonable amount of time.

17. DELAYED CLOSING

Any change to the established closing date is subject to the written approval by the Government. The Government reserves the right to refuse a request for extension of closing. However, if the Government grants an extension, the Purchaser may be required to pay either: (i) a liquidated damages assessment of \$500.00 per day; or (ii) interest on the outstanding balance of the purchase price, whichever is greater, if the closing of the sale is delayed, and the delay is caused, directly or indirectly, by the Purchaser's action or inaction and not by any action on the part of the Government. The interest rate shall be computed based on the yield of 10-year United States Treasury maturities as reported by the Federal Reserve Board in "Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15" plus 1-1/2% rounded to the nearest one-eighth percent (1/8%) as of the date of bid acceptance. The Government may impose additional terms and conditions to grant an extension.

18. CLOSING COSTS, DOCUMENTARY STAMPS AND COST OF RECORDING

All closing costs, including escrow and financing fees, shall be borne solely by the Purchaser. The Purchaser shall pay all taxes and fees imposed on this transaction and shall obtain at Purchaser's own expense and affix to all instruments of conveyance and security documents such revenue and documentary stamps as may be required by Federal, state and local law.

All instruments of conveyance and security documents shall be placed on record in the manner prescribed by local recording statutes at the Purchaser's expense.

Within five (5) business days from receipt of the executed deed, the Purchaser's Escrow Holder shall record the quitclaim deed in the official records of the county. The Purchaser's Escrow Holder shall provide GSA a conformed copy of the recorded quitclaim deed within five (5) business days of recording to the following address:

U.S. General Services Administration
Real Property Utilization and Disposal (4PZ)
77 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, GA 30303
Attn: Tod J. Taylor

19. OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT

No member or delegate to the Congress, resident commissioner or Government official shall be admitted to any share or part of the contract of sale or to any benefit that may arise therefrom, but this provision

shall not be construed to extend to the contract of sale if made with a corporation for its general benefit. GSA employees are prohibited from bidding on the Property offered in the IFB.

20. CAPACITY TO CONTRACT

Bidders must have the legal capacity to enter into a contract in order to bid and acquire the Property.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. AUCTION START DATE

The auction opens on Monday, July , July 27, 2020 at 9:00 AM CT. (Central Time).

2. TYPE OF SALE

This sale will be an online auction conducted at RealEstateSales.gov. The auction will be conducted over a period of time, usually several weeks, as determined by bid activity. The date of the auction close (see Paragraph 10, Auction Close) will be announced at RealEstateSales.gov, with at least three business days prior notice. The auction may continue beyond that date as long as bidders continue to submit higher bids. Thus, the bidders determine when the sale closes by their bidding activity.

3. BIDS AND TERMS OF SALE

Bids to purchase must be ALL-CASH. Buyers are expected to arrange their own financing and to pay the balance in full by the closing date. No Government credit terms are available. GSA has no information on the availability of private financing or on the suitability of this Property for financing.

4. STARTING BID

This auction is being opened with an amount which does not represent the value of the Property but rather provides a reasonable starting point for the online auction. The starting bid will be displayed as the Current Bid. The Government seeks to obtain fair market value for the Property and reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

5. BIDDER REGISTRATION AND DEPOSIT

a. Bidder registration is a three-step process:

- (1) Complete Online Registration: Bidders must register online at RealEstateSales.gov. Click on "Register", establish a Username and Password and provide the requested account information including a valid email address. A Username and Password are used to register online and to place bids. The required password must be between six and fifteen characters. You will be asked to read and agree to the terms and conditions of the Website. GSA reserves the right to change the online terms and conditions. A previously registered bidder of GSAuctions.gov can login using the established Username and Password. In the event you forget your Username or Password, or both, or are locked out from the system, it is your responsibility to obtain your Username and Password from RealEstateSales.gov. GSA staff cannot assist in retrieving a lost or forgotten Username or Password.

GSAuctions.gov has implemented Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) for access to RealEstateSales.gov. Every user must register their User ID information if they have not yet set up their MFA. Once registered, you may log in using your email and password and a numeric verification code. This verification code is delivered to you by one of the delivery methods you chose during your registration process. For additional information on MFA, please review the GSAuctions.gov [FAQ](#) page.

You may register as either an individual or as a company and this information must be the same information provided on the Bidder Registration and Bid Form for Purchase of Government Real Property. Changes to title may be considered after bid acceptance at the discretion of the Government. If you wish to participate as an individual and a representative of a company, you must register separately for each and place bids accordingly.

In accordance with Public Law No. 104-134, Section 31001, the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, the Tax Identification Number (TIN) must be provided by anyone conducting business with the Federal Government, from which a debt to the Government may arise. Individuals cannot successfully register to bid on items without providing a TIN. A TIN is defined as an individual's Social Security Number (SSN) or business entity's Employer Identification Number (EIN). If you registered as an Individual, your SSN will be validated with your name and address. If you registered as a Company, your business identity's EIN will be

validated with your company name and address. The use of an individual's SSN is subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. Section 552a), and will be collected to verify the data submitted by the user.

An authentication process will be conducted to confirm the identity of individuals and companies to prevent potential fraudulent bidding activity and to ensure that bidders are prepared to accept responsibility for their bidding activity and all submitted bids are valid. **The identity and credit card information you provide at registration is used strictly for authentication purposes. GSA Auctions® does not automatically charge credit cards on file. You may use a different credit card to provide the required Registration Deposit. Credit card registration deposits for real property sales cannot be made via GSA Auctions®.**

For more information and assistance on the online registration process, please go to <https://realestatesales.gov/html/static/faq.htm>.

- (2) Complete Registration Form: Bidders must complete and submit the official Bid Form titled "Bidder Registration and Bid Form for Purchase of Government Real Property" accompanying this IFB. All information and certification requested thereon must be provided. Bidder registration and bids submitted which fail to furnish all information or certifications required may be summarily rejected. The Bid Form should be filled out legibly with all erasures, strikeouts and corrections initialed by the person signing the bid. The Bid Form must be signed and dated. Additional bid forms are available upon request or you may photocopy the form in this IFB.
- (3) Provide Registration Deposit: A deposit in the amount of \$10,000.00 (the "Registration Deposit") must accompany your Bidder Registration and Bid Form. Registration Deposits must be provided in the form of a cashier's check, certified check or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express). Personal or company checks are NOT acceptable and will be returned to the sender. Checks must be made payable to: "U.S. General Services Administration." For deposits by credit card, bidders must also complete Registration Deposit portion of the official Bid Form to be authorized to bid.

Only upon verification of your Registration Deposit, will you be allowed to bid. All Registration Deposits received will be deposited with the U.S. Treasury, in a non-interest bearing account, immediately upon receipt.

- b. To complete the bidder registration process, please submit the completed Bidder Registration and Bid Form for Purchase of Real Property, along with the required Registration Deposit to:

U.S. General Services Administration
Real Property Utilization and Disposal (4PZ)
77 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, GA 30303
Attn: Tod J. Taylor

If the Registration Deposit is to be provided by credit card, the Bidder Registration and Bid Form can also be submitted to GSA by fax at (404) 215-8600 or email at 4pzreg@gsa.gov.

- c. It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that adequate time is available to complete the registration process as described above. The identity authentication process, if unsuccessful, may require a bidder to provide additional information by email for manual verification and may take several business days to complete. Bidders may receive a registration failure notice from registration@gsa.gov. Bidders will need to reply and provide the necessary documentation to be reviewed which may take up to 24-48 hours to validate and approve. The Government makes no representation or guarantee that any additional assistance or time will be provided to complete the registration process. No bidder will be allowed to participate in the sale until the entire registration process is complete.

- d. Registration may occur any time prior to the conclusion of the auction. The Government, however, makes no representation or guarantee that your registration will be completed prior to the announced date and time for the receipt of final bids. Therefore, bidders are encouraged to register before the auction opens..

6. BIDDING IN GENERAL

- a. Registered bidders may bid online by following the instructions at RealEstateSales.gov. By submitting your bid through RealEstateSales.gov, you agree that your bid is a binding offer. You will be legally obligated for any and all bids submitted using your Username and password.

After successful completion of the registration process, users, also known as "Bidders," are permitted to participate in online auctions. The Bidder Menu provides you with the capability to browse and place bids; track items of interest; follow auctions where bids have been placed; to change your personal information and settings; and to access an easy-to-use online Help Menu.

GSA Auctions® provides up-to-date information on your bidding status. You can check the bidding status by clicking on the Bid History.

- b. Bids received through RealEstateSales.gov are date and time stamped Central Time. The Government will not be responsible for any discrepancies between the time indicated on the Website and the apparent time indicated, displayed, or otherwise stated or represented by a registered bidder.
- c. Bids must be submitted without contingencies.
- d. Bidders that are currently in default status on GSA Auctions®, for non-payment or non-removal of items, will not be allowed to place bids for real property. They will only be allowed to "browse" the items. Once a bidder cures their default, they will be unblocked and be given access to begin bidding on items upon receipt of the required Registration Deposit. For more information, review the GSA Auctions® [Terms and Conditions](#).

7. CONTINUOUS BIDDING RESULTS AND AUCTION INFORMATION

Bidders are strongly encouraged to monitor bidding activity at RealEstateSales.gov. Bidders may also review bid activity by clicking on the "My Messages" tab once logged in. New bids are immediately posted at RealEstateSales.gov upon receipt. If you no longer have the high bid and the sale has not closed, you can go back to the item and place another bid. Bids cannot be lowered or canceled.

If your bid is not accurately shown on RealEstateSales.gov, then you should call GSA at 404-215-6751 or 404-331-5133. Bidders are urged to pay close attention to RealEstateSales.gov which will contain new, revised, and useful information regarding the high bid, modification to bid increment and the closing date of the auction that is subject to change. Bidder agrees and accepts that notices of any changes to the terms and conditions of sale or instructions to bidders is satisfactory when made available on either or both of GSA's real property disposal websites at RealEstateSales.gov and/or disposal.gsa.gov.

8. ONLINE BIDDING

RealEstateSales.gov allows you to place a either a flat or automatic ("proxy") bid. A flat bid is for an amount at least the current bid plus the posted minimum Bid Increment. If the bid is greater than another bidder's automatic bid, the system will consider this flat bid as the current (winning) bid. If the bid is less than or equal to another bidder's automatic bid, the system will record the bid but it will not be considered the current (winning) bid. The required minimum bid will be specified on the bid screen and once entered it will be displayed as the winning bid unless an automatic bid that is greater than this amount has been placed.

An automatic bid is an amount that you set above the posted minimum bid. Realestatesales.gov will use as much of your bid as needed to make you the current winner of the auction or to meet the auction's reserve price. The system will automatically apply the minimum Bid Increment up to the total amount bid to make you the current winner of the auction or to meet the auction's reserve price. Your automatic bid amount is not shown to other bidders until it is reached through competitive bidding. You may change your bid amount but not less than the next bid increment amount. If the system reaches your automatic

bid limit, it stops bidding for you. Submit another bid if you want to continue bidding. If you selected to receive e-mail notifications during registration, the system will notify you if you are no longer holding the winning bid. You can submit another flat bid or reset your automatic bid amount if you want to continue bidding. Your automatic bid is not shown to other bidders. If a reserve price is set, RealEstateSales.gov will use as much of your bid as needed to meet the reserve price.

When two automatic bids compete, the greater of the two always wins. If the greater automatic limit does not exceed the lesser automatic limit by the full stated Bid Increment, then the greater automatic limit bid is placed. You may increase or decrease your automatic bid limit at any time. You cannot decrease your automatic bid below the current bid. If you are currently the winner in an auction, increasing your automatic bid will not increase your current bid until challenged by another bid. Changing your automatic bid may affect the indicated time remaining.

If you learn from RealEstateSales.gov that your bid was not the high bid, or if another bidder exceeds your previous high bid, you may increase your bid at RealEstateSales.gov until such time as bidding is closed. Increases in previously submitted bids are welcome and your Registration Deposit will apply to subsequent increased bids. All increased bids must be made online. **The Government reserves the right to modify the Bid Increment at any time prior to the close of the auction.**

9. TRANSMISSION AND RECEIPT OF BIDS

The Government will not be responsible for any failure attributable to the inability of the bidder to transmit or the Government to receive registration information, bid forms or a bid by any method. Failure to receive registration information, bid forms or a bid may include, but is not limited to the following:

- a. Receipt of a garbled or incomplete bid.
- b. Availability or condition of the sending or receiving electronic equipment.
- c. Incompatibility between the sending and receiving equipment and software.
- d. Malfunctioning of any network, computer hardware or software.
- e. Delay in transmission or receipt of a bid.
- f. Failure of bidder to properly identify the bid.
- g. Security of bid data.
- h. Inability of bidder to enter bid. For example: due to lost or forgotten password or system lock due to repeated login failures.
- i. Unavailability of GSA personnel.

If your bid is not accurately shown or you cannot enter a bid at RealEstateSales.gov then you should call GSA at 404-215-6751 or 404-331-5133 for assistance.

The Website will NOT be available during the following system maintenance windows:

- Saturday: 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. CT
- Sunday: 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. CT

Occasionally, technical problems will interrupt the bidding process for an unspecified amount of time. These interruptions may affect some or all bidders. In the event of an interruption, an evaluation of the length of interruption time and the numbers of bidders affected may prompt GSA AuctionsSM to extend the closing time for an auction. Extension may range from 1 hour to 24 hours based on the aforementioned criteria, to insure fair and full competition. An email notification will be sent to those bidders who participated in these auctions when they are extended.

10. CLOSE OF AUCTION

- a. Inactivity Period and Closing of Auction. When the Close Time is posted, a twenty-four (24) hour inactivity period is established (shown on the Website as the "Inactivity Period") and is posted under the "Bidding Details" tab of the Website. Note that the Website shows the Inactivity Period

in minutes with 24 hours represented as 1440 minutes. In order for the Auction to close, the High Bid must remain unchanged for the Inactivity Period. Each time a new High Bid is received within the Inactivity Period or if the maximum amount that a Bidder is willing to pay for the Property under a proxy Bid is changed within the Inactivity Period, the Auction will automatically extend for an additional 24 hour Inactivity Period. The Time Remaining and Close Time will adjust accordingly. If the High Bid remains unchanged for the full Inactivity Period, the Auction will close.

- b. Exceptions for Weekends and Holidays. Notwithstanding the foregoing, **online auction sales cannot end on Weekends or Federal Holidays.** Therefore, if the posted Inactivity Period extends into a Weekend or Federal Holiday, which the Website defines as the time between: (i) 12:00 am on Saturday until 11:59 pm on Sunday; or (ii) the 24-hour period between 12:00 am to 11:59 pm on any Federal Holiday, the Auction will automatically extend to the same time on the first business day following the Weekend or Federal Holiday. Examples are in the table below. Federal Holidays are listed at www.opm.gov.

<i>Bid made on:</i>	<i>New closing time</i>
<i>9 pm CT on Friday</i>	<i>9 pm CT on Monday</i>
<i>11:30 am CT on Saturday</i>	<i>11:30 am CT on Monday</i>
<i>4:40 pm CT on Sunday</i>	<i>4:40 pm CT on Monday</i>

Bidders are responsible for monitoring the Website for the posting and any changes to the Close Time, the Inactivity Period, and the Time Remaining.

11. ACCEPTABLE BID

An acceptable bid is one received from a responsible bidder, whose bid, conforming to this IFB, will be most advantageous to the Government.

12. BID EXECUTED ON BEHALF OF BIDDER

A bid executed by an attorney or agent on behalf of the bidder shall be accompanied by an authenticated copy of their Power of Attorney or other evidence of their authority to act on behalf of the bidder.

If the bidder is a corporation, the Certificate of Corporate/Organization Bidder, included in this IFB, must be executed. The certificate must be executed under the corporate seal by some duly authorized officer of the corporation other than the officer signing the bid. In lieu of the Certificate of Corporate Bidder, there may be attached to the bid, copies of so much of the records of the corporation as will show the official character and authority of the officer signing, duly certified by the secretary or assistant secretary, under the corporate seal, to be true copies.

If the bidder is a partnership, and all partners sign the bid, with a notation that they are all general partners, the Government will not ordinarily require any further proof of the existence of the partnership. If all the partners do not sign the bid, then the names of all those except limited partners must be furnished on the bid form and the Government, in its discretion, may require evidence of the authority of the signer(s) to execute bids on behalf of the partnership. The name(s) and signature(s) of the designated bidder(s) must be included on the Bidder Registration and Bid Form.

If the bidder is a limited liability company, a certificate of the LLC must be completed and executed by the manager and submitted with the Bidder Registration Form. The Certificate of Corporate/Organization Bidder form may be used for this purpose.

13. NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION

Notice by the Government of acceptance or rejection of the bid shall be deemed to have been sufficiently given when faxed, mailed or e-mailed to the bidder or their duly authorized representative at the fax number physical address or e-mail address indicated on the Bid Form. The processing of a registration deposit by the Government shall not, in itself, constitute acceptance of the bidder's offer. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids or portions thereof for any reason.

14. AUCTION SUSPENSION OR CANCELLATION

The Government reserves the right to temporarily suspend or cancel the auction for any reason without accepting a bid and resume the auction or start a new auction at any time. In the event of a temporary suspension due to technical problems, or other bidding issues, the Government will determine the high bidder and the high bid amount; re-open bidding and allow the auction to proceed according to the bidding terms described herein. The Government reserves the right to cancel the sale at any time and Registration Deposits will be returned to bidders without interest or further obligation by the Government.

15. ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF DEED TERMS

- a. Upon bid acceptance, an unexecuted deed will be delivered to Purchaser by mail. Within ten (10) business days of acceptance of a bid by Government, the Purchaser must sign the Grantee acceptance line of the deed and return it to GSA by mail with the earnest money deposit described in Paragraph 16, Increase of Earnest Money and Transaction Closing, to the following address:

U.S. General Services Administration
Real Property Utilization and Disposal (4PZ)
77 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, GA 30303
Attn: Tod J. Taylor

- b. Failure to provide acknowledgment and acceptance of the deed terms will result in a default and forfeiture of the Registration Deposit.

16. INCREASE OF EARNEST MONEY AND TRANSACTION CLOSING

Within three (3) business days of acceptance of a bid by the Government, the Purchaser agrees to deposit Earnest Money in the form of a bank certified or cashier's check or wired funds transfer, equal to at least ten percent (10%) of the total bid in addition to any prior credit card deposits. Failure to provide these funds will result in a default and forfeiture of the Registration Deposit. Upon receipt of the Earnest Money deposit, applicable credit card registration deposits may be refunded.

Upon written acceptance of a bid, the Earnest Money shall be applied towards payment of the purchase price. The full balance of the purchase price in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or electronic wire transfer is payable within sixty (60) calendar days after acceptance of bid. At the time of closing, all monies paid by the Purchaser will be credited, without interest, toward the total purchase price.

17. REFUND OF REGISTRATION DEPOSITS

Registration Deposits accompanying bids that are rejected will be refunded to bidders without interest. Bidders who provided Registration Deposits by check will receive their check by mail. Refunds will only be processed to the same individual or entity identified on the Bidder Registration and Bid Form for Purchase of Real Property. Registration Deposits provided by credit card will be credited to the same account number provided.

Upon receipt of the Earnest Money described in Paragraph 15, credit card deposits may be refunded.

Registration Deposits received from the second highest bidder will be held as stipulated in Paragraph 18, Backup Bidder. All other Registration Deposits will be processed for refunds after the last

day of the auction or upon written request to withdraw from the auction unless the bidder is the first or second highest bidder. Return of registration deposits by check will be processed in a timely manner but may require several days before the deposit is returned. Refunds to a credit card will usually be processed within three business days.

18. BACKUP BIDDER

The second-highest bidder will be the Backup Bidder. The bid of the Backup Bidder may be considered for acceptance for the duration of Continuing Offer period described in Terms of Sale, Paragraph 15, Continuing Offers, if: 1) the original High Bidder is unable to fully complete the transaction according to the terms and conditions of the IFB; or 2) if the original High Bidder fails to provide the required 10% of the purchase price as Earnest Money. The Bidder identified as the Backup Bidder agrees that their Bid remains a bona fide offer with which their Registration Deposit may be retained without interest, until the High Bidder provides the 10% Earnest Money or completes the transaction or both, at the Government's discretion. During the Continuing Offer period, the Bidder identified as the Backup Bidder agrees that they will not request retrieval, chargeback or any other cardholder refund and understands that a debt to the United States of America may be created if their deposits are in any way unavailable to the Government to which any party that participates in such chargeback or refund may be held accountable as provided in Terms of Sale, Paragraph 9, Revocation of Bid and Default. When the Backup Bidder is converted to the High Bidder, all terms, conditions and agreements described in the IFB are applicable to the successful bidder.

The Registration Deposit of the Backup Bidder will be returned as described in Paragraph 17, Refund of Registration Deposits, if the Backup Bidder is not converted to the High Bidder. In the event that the Government is unable to complete the transaction with the highest or backup bidder, the Government reserves the right to consider the remaining bid(s) and accept a bid that is in the best interest of the Government.

19. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

GSA will provide additional copies of this IFB and make every effort to answer requests for additional information concerning the Property to facilitate preparation of bids. Each bid shall be deemed to have been made with full knowledge of all terms, conditions, and requirements contained in this IFB and any amendments made thereto prior to bid acceptance. Bidders may also review the information pertaining to the Property at <https://propertydisposal.gsa.gov> or RealEstateSales.gov.

20. WAIVER OF INFORMALITIES OR IRREGULARITIES

The Government may, at its election, waive any minor informality or irregularity in bids received.

NOTICES AND COVENANTS

AS-IS, WHERE-IS PROVISION

- a. Grantee agrees and acknowledges that Grantor is conveying the property strictly on an "as is, where is", with all faults basis, without warranty, express or implied, with any and all latent and patent defects. Grantee acknowledges that Grantor has made the property available for inspection by Grantee and Grantee's representatives. Grantee has inspected, or will have inspected prior to closing, the physical condition of the property to the extent felt necessary by Grantee, including all improvements thereon, and accepts title to the same "as is" in its existing physical condition. Grantee acknowledges that it is not relying upon any representation, warranty statement or other assertion of Grantor or the United States of America, including its agencies or any official, agent representative or employee of the foregoing, with respect to the property's conditions, except as set forth in the contract, Grantee is relying solely and wholly on Grantee's own examination of the property, is fully satisfied with the property, and accepts any liabilities or costs arising in connection with the condition of the property, including, but not limited to any costs or liabilities pertaining to any environmental condition on the property. Except as set forth in Section c, below, the Grantor and the United States of America and their agencies disclaim any and all express or implied warranties and specifically make no warranties of title, habitability, merchantability, suitability, fitness for any purpose, or any other warranty whatsoever. Grantee is put on notice that any prior grant and/or encumbrance may be of record and Grantee is advised to examine all public records available regarding the property.
- b. No employee or agent of Grantor or the United States of America is authorized to make any representation or warranty as to the quality or condition of the property, merchantability, suitability or fitness of the property for any use whatsoever, known or unknown to Grantor or the United States of America, or compliance with any environmental protection, pollution or land use laws, rules, regulations, orders, or requirements including, but not limited to, those pertaining to the handling, generating, treating, storing, or disposing of any hazardous waste or substance. In no event shall Grantor or the United States of America be responsible or liable for latent or patent defects or faults, if any, in the property or for remedying or repairing the same including, without limitation, defects related to asbestos or asbestos containing materials, lead, lead-based paint, underground storage tanks, mold, radon or hazardous or toxic materials, chemicals or waste, or for constructing or repairing any streets, utilities or other improvements shown on any plat of the property.
- c. Nothing in this "as is, where is" provision will be construed to modify or negate the United States of America's existing obligations under the CERCLA covenant or any other statutory obligations.

1. FLOODPLAIN

- a. The project area is located within the FIRM Panel 42079C0239E, effective November 2, 2012, in an area of minimal flood hazard (Zone X). The Grantee agrees to comply with all federal, state and local regulations pertaining to use and development of the Property, including all applicable federal, state or local floodplain regulations.
- b. The Grantee and all successors and assigns shall save and hold the Grantor and/or the Government harmless in the event of damage to or loss of life or property resulting directly or indirectly from flooding.

**BIDDER REGISTRATION AND BID FORM FOR PURCHASE OF
REAL PROPERTY**

Wilkes-Barre PA Parking Lot
1001 PA Highway 315
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702
IFB #: PEACH420007001
REGISTRATION DEPOSIT: \$10,000.00

USERNAME: _____
(as established at RealEstateSales.gov)

Bidder Information: Please print or type legibly.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____
Phone: (_____) _____ Fax: (_____) _____
E-mail: _____

BIDDER REPRESENTS THAT HE/SHE OPERATES AS (check which applies) see Instructions to Bidders,
Paragraph 12, Bid Executed on Behalf of Bidder for instructions:

- An individual _____
- A partnership consisting of _____
- A trustee, acting for _____

THE FOLLOWING MUST PROVIDE THEIR CERTIFICATE OF CORPORATE/ORGANIZATION BIDDER – SEE NEXT PAGE

- A limited liability partnership consisting of _____
- A corporation, incorporated in the State of _____
- A limited liability company _____
- Other _____

Registration Deposit (check one):

- By certified or cashier's check made payable to the **U.S. General Services Administration**
- By Credit/Debit Card: _____ Exp: ____/____ CSC/CVC _____
 - Visa MasterCard Debit
 - Discover American Express

Name of Bidder as it appears on credit card _____

Certification and Authorization

The undersigned bidder hereby offers and agrees to purchase the Property as described in the accompanying Invitation for Bids (IFB) for any bids placed online by the undersigned and if any bid is accepted by the Government within Sixty (60) calendar days after the auction close date. This Bid Form is made subject to the terms of IFB No. PEACH420007001 including the Property Description, Terms of Sale, Instructions to Bidders, Special Terms of Sale, Notices and Covenants, Bidder Registration and Bid Form For Purchase of Real Property, and any associated amendments to the IFB, all of which are incorporated herein and by reference made a part of any bid placed online at RealEstateSales.gov. If a bidder is providing the Registration Deposit by credit card, the bidder must be the authorized cardholder and agrees that his or her credit card account will be debited the full amount of the Registration Deposit, as specified in the IFB. In the event the bidder is not the Purchaser, the Registration Deposits will only be refunded as specified in the IFB. Information collected herein is governed by the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. Section 552a) and is being collected to register a bidder for the sale of property.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Send Registration Form with Registration Deposit to:

U.S. General Services Administration
Real Property Utilization and Disposal (4PZ)
77 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, GA 30303
Attn: Tod J. Taylor

FAX: (404) 215-8600
EMAIL: pzreg@gsa.gov

IFB No. PEACH420007001

CERTIFICATE OF CORPORATE/ORGANIZATION BIDDER

(For use with Bidder Registration and Bid Form for Purchase of Real Property
see Instructions to Bidders, Paragraph 12, Bid Executed On Behalf Of Bidder for instructions)

**Wilkes-Barre, PA Parking Lot
IFB Number PEACH420007001
GSA Control No. 4-G-PA-1171-AC
1001 PA Highway 315
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702**

**THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY SOMEONE OTHER THAN THE BIDDER
(UNLESS THE BIDDER IS THE SOLE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
CORPORATION/ORGANIZATION).**

I, _____, certify that I am _____
(Secretary or Other Title)

of the Corporation/Organization named as bidder herein; that _____
(Name of Authorized Representative)

who signed this Bid Form for Purchase of Property on behalf of the bidder was then

_____ of said Corporation/Organization; that said bid was
(Official Title)

duly signed for and on behalf of said Corporation/Organization by authority of its governing body and is
within the scope of its corporate/organization powers.

(Signature of Certifying Officer/Manager)

(Corporate Seal Here, if applicable)

IFB No. PEACH420007001