



TRANSPORTATION & PROPERTY MANAGEMENT



find the property you need

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An aerial photograph showing a large-scale flooding event. In the center, a large building with a bright blue metal roof is partially submerged in murky, brown floodwater. A white boat is docked at the side of the building. To the right, a white car is seen floating in the water. The surrounding landscape is mostly obscured by the floodwater, with some trees and structures visible in the background.

partnering for SUCCESS

gsa supports fema disaster response and recovery efforts by providing critical transportation solutions

Since its creation, GSA has worked successfully with its many partners, including FEMA, to provide efficient and cost-effective transportation services in support of their missions.

The mission of FEMA is to “lead America to prepare for, prevent, respond to, and recover from disasters.” FEMA is first and foremost a coordinating agency that provides a variety of assistance and support to respond to disasters that occur in the United States when state and local capacity to respond is threatened or overwhelmed. FEMA works with a variety of partners including GSA to successfully limit or prevent the impact of disasters on the Nation and has responded to hundreds of disasters in all fifty states, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Pacific Island Trust Territories, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The following recent actual disaster recovery missions demonstrate the importance of partnering for success.

A Presidential disaster declaration was issued during the months of June and July '04 directing FEMA to provide assistance to the flood-stricken states of Kentucky, New Jersey, Ohio, and West Virginia. The GSA, Mid-Atlantic Region, Transportation Management Branch assisted FEMA with the transportation of “Travel Trailers” from around the country into the flood-stricken states. These “Travel Trailers” served as staging areas and shelters for FEMA personnel and residents displaced by the relentless storms. GSA arranged 25 FEMA shipments to West Virginia, comprised of 152 “Travel Trailers” along with trailers filled with bottled water, ADP equipment, and furniture. GSA negotiated a special Government transportation rate that resulted in a total cost of \$201,000, saving the taxpayers approximately \$108,000.

The President also declared a National disaster when a devastating Typhoon hit Guam last November. GSA once again partnered with FEMA to mitigate the consequences of the disaster. In mid-December, FEMA submitted a request to the GSA Pacific Rim Region for the procurement of 2,000 shelters/tents to be delivered to Guam within two weeks. The Pacific Rim procurement office located a vendor in Shanghai, China that could manufacture tents in time for the first shipment to arrive in Guam by December 24. The total weight of the tents was approximately 424,000 pounds, resulting in an estimated cost quote of \$1,489,000 to transport the tents from China to Guam. The Pacific Rim Transportation Management staff negotiated rates with the airfreight providers. By consolidating the tents into fewer shipments to provide complete aircraft loads, GSA was able to negotiate a much lower cost of \$1,000,000, resulting in a savings of \$489,000.

... A great example of GSA partnering to support agency missions anytime to any place in the world!

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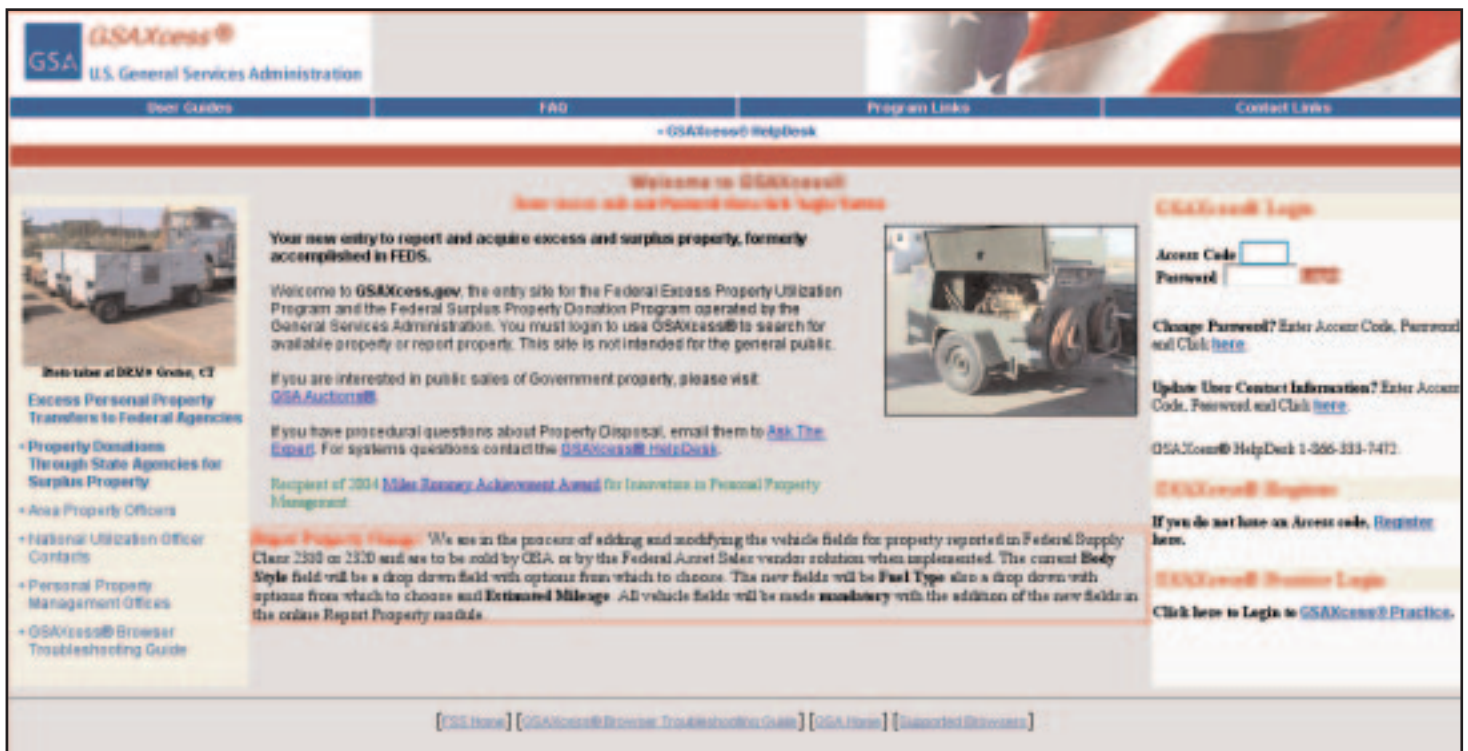
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Raven, VA, June 19, 2004 — State and federal partners perform damage assessments for homes in Buchanan County, Virginia. Flood waters damaged homes along the riverbank, washing many residents' items downstream.

here comes GSAXcess[®] feds gets a new look!



Just when you thought it was safe to show-off that new look or image of yours—you know, the Barbie face-lift, punk hairdo, chiseled Arnold biceps, retro bell bottoms, Converse All Star sneakers, and the 40th Anniversary Mustang sport coupe—along comes something that has taken “change” to an even greater extreme—FEDES (i.e., the Federal Disposal System)! Yes! That’s right! That almost decade-old GSA automated property inventory system is not only enjoying its new electronic face-lift—it’s now interfaced into the new GSAXcess, format—but it is also changing the way it does business and even improving its personality.

Now, you non-believers and pessimists out there might be rolling your eyes and guffawing about the likelihood that a government-wide inventory system could attain the stylish look of a movie star or the uninhibited feel and character of a classic roadster, but FEDS is making a run for that celebrity status... and more. It started earlier this fiscal year when FEDS began its transformation from a rather dull, matter-of-fact, on-line property system—that seemed to turn some people “off”—to a glittering, multi-faceted, debutante—that was as effective as it was colorful. That’s because the GSA Property Management Program went all out to redesign FEDS in such a way that it would become both user-friendly and “fun” to use. First to be improved was the “face” of the system—and we don’t mean just minor attributes like “crow’s feet” and wrinkles—as FEDS was interfaced into the “big picture” and became an integral part of the GSA Property Management profile, given a look and feel similar to the successful GSA Auctions® website. The new web portrayal of FEDS, named GSAXcess®, included a new introductory page, less formal sign-in requirements, new drop-down boxes, more descriptive “links” to persons and programs, new categories of property, new item counters, new “shopping cart” technology, innovative search devices, and a collage of color and pictures that set the tone for a new portrayal of the property management program as a whole. But GSA didn’t stop there.

As the fiscal year progressed, it continued to fine-tune and refine its creation into something that would go beyond beauty that was skin-deep into something that had style and substance too. These later refinements took the form of multi-faceted changes in the new GSAXcess® format that were more practical than pretty, including an “Ask the Expert” link to assist users with everyday or difficult questions; an attachment mechanism to allow the input of pictures into GSAXcess® once (when reporting) rather than twice (when selling too); a “Want List” facet that allows agencies to indicate their property needs and direct the location of their searches; a “pop-up” window that helps agencies more clearly identify vessels and special commodities during the reporting phase; the development of new report mechanisms for both users and operators of the system to allow more accurate control and management of transactions; a new and streamlined method for authorizing and assigning user codes for the GSAXcess® system; a new and more effective on-line format for retrieving historical data on property; and much, much more.

Now, we’re not saying that FEDS, or its new manifestation GSAXcess®, is going to be the next James Dean, Corvette Sting Ray, or even IBM of its generation. But it’s sure looking good these days—especially when it’s in the limelight helping agencies from coast-to-coast! It even recently got that little, circled “R” after its name to make its new image official. So, move over James, Chevy, and Big Blue. Here comes GSAXcess®, the new look in property management!

And, it’s more than just a new look. The new functionality of GSAXcess® is being well received by utilization and donation customers throughout the nation. So well received, in fact, that GSAXcess® is the recipient of the 2004 Romney Achievement Award for Innovation in Personal Property Management, given by GSA’s Office of Governmentwide Policy. So visit GSAXcess® yourself and contribute to savings to taxpayers by reuse of federal property. You can access GSAXcess® at gsaxcess.gov, or find your local GSA Area Property Officer at www.gsa.gov/apo for assistance.



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