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Bexar Metropolitan Water District offers online auctions of surplus items
-- Free registration, global reach expands bidding opportunities

A wide variety of surplus properties from Bexar Metropolitan Water District (BexarMet) are now for sale—via the Internet. District officials have launched a new online auction site hosted by the Texas Bid System.

“At the District, we routinely have surplus, outdated, or unneeded items of all sorts that we like to make available to the public,” said Daniel Garza, Purchasing Manager at BexarMet. “The pool of prospective bidders has been naturally limited by geography and busy schedules,” he said, adding that “the new system will make the opportunities more accessible by enabling anyone, anywhere, to participate in each auction from their home or office.”

Initially, the District’s online auction will include vehicles, equipment, and real estate.

“This new online auction format has tremendous potential,” said Daniel Garza. “Items sold online help the District, but also fill a need for buyers, which makes sense for all of us, especially in challenging economic times. It’s a win-win-win for all involved--bidders get needed items at a reduced cost, the District generates revenue and those items remain in use rather than in a landfill.”

Interested bidders can register and place their bids on the Texas Bid System website at <http://www.govbids.com/scripts/teg/public/home1.asp> and select “Surplus Auctions” from the top navigation bar. The new online format also automates the process of award notification, receipts and pick-up tickets—expediting the process of delivering items to winning bidders. No deposit is required to bid, and registration is free. Online bidding will begin Monday, November 2, 2009 at 8:00am and closes Sunday, November 15, 2009 at 10:00am (CST).

For more information about Bexar Metropolitan Water District’s new online auction site, including questions about listed items or to set up an appointment to inspect surplus property, send your inquiry to Dan Garza at drgarza@bexarmet.org or call 210-357-5825.