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Auctions of State Real Estate Net \$7.2 Million *Long Island and Rochester properties to return to the tax rolls*

New York State Office of General Services (OGS) Acting Commissioner, Carla Chiaro, today announced the auction sales of two surplus state properties. On October 21, OGS conducted a sealed bid auction for its former distribution center in Central Islip and received a high bid of \$5.7 million. Also on October 21, a real estate closing was held for a Rochester armory that sold for \$1.5 million in 2009.

“Reducing the inventory of unutilized property is yet another example of what the state can do to diminish costs and increase revenue,” Governor David A. Paterson said. “These two properties were sold to private companies which means that they will be returned to the tax rolls, benefitting both the state and municipalities. Additionally, the proceeds from the auctions will contribute to reducing our deficit and will further trim state expenses because the state will no longer need to allocate resources to secure and maintain these buildings.”

“Governor Paterson has made it clear that the state needs to aggressively address its fiscal challenges,” Acting Commissioner Chiaro said. “The sale of the armory and the distribution center will bring much needed tax dollars to local communities, while at the same time relieving OGS of the burden of facility maintenance so that the agency can deploy staff resources in other areas.”

Downstate Distribution Center (Suffolk County)

The property located at 350 Carleton Avenue in Central Islip received a single bid of \$5,724,425 from Inter-County Bakers, which was 17 percent higher than the minimum bid of \$4.9 million.

The one story industrial building was built in 1970 and consists of 136,720 square feet of warehouse space on 12.94 acres. It was formerly used by OGS to store and distribute United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) surplus food for school districts and was closed in 2008. Two prior live auctions failed to produce a bid on the property.

Rochester Armory (Monroe County)

The Rochester Armory located at 145 Culver Road sold at a live public auction in October of 2009 to a local developer, Whitney Baird Associates, LLC, for \$1.47 million. The minimum bid on the property was \$500,000. The purchaser has indicated that the building will be used for commercial and office space.

The property was built circa 1916 and utilized by the Division of Military and Naval Affairs until it was surplused to OGS in 2008. The property includes approximately 71,556 square feet of finished area which is situated on a 10.7 acre site.

OGS provides a broad range of core services that facilitate the operations of state and local governments in areas such as: property management, design and construction, procurement and essential support services.

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