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Airport Authority Online Auction Site Takes Flight *-- Free registration, global reach expands bidding opportunities*

A wide variety of surplus property, along with unclaimed lost and found items, from Metro Detroit's major airports are now for sale—via the Internet. Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA), operator of Detroit Metropolitan Airport and Willow Run Airport, has launched its new online auction site hosted by the Michigan Intergovernmental Trade Network (MITN).

“While the Airport Authority has held live auctions of surplus and unclaimed property for years, the pool of prospective bidders has been naturally limited by geography and busy schedules,” explained WCAA CEO Lester Robinson. “With our new online auction site, the Airport Authority has an opportunity to make our auctions more accessible by enabling anyone, anywhere, to participate in each auction from the comfort of their home or office.”

Initially, the Authority's online auction will include smaller items such as digital cameras, portable DVD players, and construction tools. A selection of passenger, utility and specialized emergency vehicles will be available in mid-May. Soon, WCAA plans to expand its offerings to include computer peripherals, larger office equipment, fine and costume jewelry, watches, construction equipment and specialty airport equipment.

“Our first test-use of the system in April demonstrated to us that this new online auction format has tremendous potential,” said WCAA Procurement Project Manager Donna Colley-Andrews. “Items sold online during testing were needed by the bidders and obtained significantly below retail pricing. It's a win-win-win for all involved--bidders get needed items at a reduced cost, the Airport Authority generates revenue and those items remain in use rather than in a landfill.”

No bidders deposit is required, but free registration is. Interested bidders can register and place their bids on the MITN Web site at www.mitn.info (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.

For more information about the Airport Authority's new online auction site, including questions about listed items, send your inquiry to onlinebidding-admin@wcaa.us.

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