

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

**SALE OF GOVERNMENT REAL PROPERTY  
USCG Housing, Ocean City, MD  
IFB Number PEACH418003001  
GSA Control No. 4-X-MD-1135-AA  
Issued on October 16, 2017**

This Property is located at 10119 Bonita Drive, Ocean City, MD 21842. The Property contains approximately 0.34 acre and is improved with one house of approximately 2,415 +/- gross square feet.

Bids for the purchase of the Government-owned Property described in the Property Description portion of this Invitation for Bids will be received continuously and will be posted at [RealEstateSales.gov](http://RealEstateSales.gov).

**Auction Summary**

Sale Type: **Online Auction**

Start Date: **10/16/2017**

End Date: **TBD**

Starting Bid: **\$115,000.00**

Registration Deposit: **\$2,500.00**

Bid Increment: **\$1,000.00**

**Send Bid Form and Registration Deposit to:**

U.S. General Services Administration  
Real Property Utilization and Disposal  
77 Forsyth Street SW  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
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  
404-215-6751  
[tod.taylor@gsa.gov](mailto:tod.taylor@gsa.gov)

**Online Auction**

[RealEstateSales.gov](http://RealEstateSales.gov)  
Register and submit your bid

**Online Auction Assistance**

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# PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

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## 1. LOCATION AND SETTING

The property is located in a residential area at 10119 Bonita Drive, Ocean City, MD 21842.

## 2. SALE PARCEL DESCRIPTION

This single family two-story home consists of four bedrooms, two bathrooms, and approximately 2,412 square feet of living space situated on a 0.34 acre site. The home is constructed on a crawlspace and slab (den only) foundation and constructed with wood framing, vinyl exterior siding and a shingle roof. Some floor joists and the sill plate may be in a state of decay and the majority of the interior, including the kitchen, has been gutted and is in need of significant renovations. Many of the walls, drywall, and some flooring are missing. During a recent inspection, the roof was leaking and may need replacing. The house is not considered to be livable "as-is." The lot includes a concrete driveway, fenced backyard with storage shed, and a wooden deck. No garage is present.

The potable water well has not been tested.

## 3. DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From the intersection of US 50 and Bonita Drive in Ocean City, MD – turn north on Bonita drive and the property is approximately 0.4 mile on the left.

## 4. LEGAL DESCRIPTION

All that lot or parcel of land lying and being situate in the Tenth Election District of Worcester County, Maryland, in the subdivision known as Marlin Park, on the northwesterly side of and binding upon Bonita Drive, and being more particularly designated and distinguished as Lot No. 18 in Block No. 2 on a plat entitled "Marlin Park", made by George B. Cropper, C.E., R.P.E. & L.S. No. 248, dated November, 1959, and record among the Land Records of Worcester County, Maryland, in Plot Book E.W.R. No. 2, folio 39, said lot being similarly designated and distinguished on a revision of said plat which is recorded among the aforesaid Land Records in Plot Book E.W.R. No. 2, folio 82, said lot being shown on said plat and on said revision thereof as having a frontage of 100 feet on the northwesterly side of Bonita Drive and extending back therefrom in a uniform width a distance of 150 feet; IT BEING ALL AND THE SAME property which was granted and conveyed unto the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA from Geoffrey H. Robbins and Linda C. Robbins, his wife, by deed dated October 21, 1981, and recorded among the Land Records of Worcester County, Md. in Liber F.W.H. No. 787, folios 570 & 571.

## 5. TAX PARCEL ID (OR ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO.)

APN: 012627

West Ocean City, Worcester County, Maryland

## 6. 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 or information on the availability of utilities.

### Electric:

Delmarva Power (800) 375-7117

### Sewer:

Worcester County Wastewater Division  
(410) 641-5251.

### Water:

Private water well (not tested for operability)

The property was formerly served by a septic system that is now abandoned and still onsite.

### Natural Gas:

Chesapeake Utilities (800) 427-0015

# TERMS OF SALE

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## 1. DEFINITIONS

### a. 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; Bidder Registration and Bid Form for Purchase of Government Property; and Exhibits. Should the aforementioned documents be modified or supplemented by any addenda or amendments issued by the Government prior to the conclusion of the online auction, those addenda and amendments shall be part of the IFB.

### b. GOVERNMENT

The term "Government" as used herein refers to the United States of America, and is used interchangeably with "Seller" and "Grantor."

### c. 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 United States Coast Guard (USCG). USCG has full custody of and all accountability for all matters, known and unknown, concerning the physical, title, and environmental condition of the Property.

### d. PROPERTY

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

### e. PURCHASER

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

### f. 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."

### g. 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.

### h. 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.

### i. 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 on-line auctions, computers have automated the proxy role and bidders establish their bid limits on-line and the software answers bid challenges by automatically making the next bid increment up to the proxy limit.

### j. 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.

#### **k. 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 most acceptable bid.

#### **l. 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.

#### **m. BUSINESS DAY**

The term "business day" means all calendar days except Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 6103 subsections (a) & (b)(1).

#### **n. WEBSITE**

The GSA Auctions® website, [GSAAuctions.gov](http://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](http://RealEstateSales.gov). Additional information can also be found at [propertydisposal.gsa.gov](http://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.

### **3. INSPECTION**

The Property will be made open for inspection at the following times:

Wednesday, October 25, 2017 from 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM

Thursday, October 26, 2017 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Other inspection dates and times may be announced on [www.RealEstateSales.gov](http://www.RealEstateSales.gov).

**No one will be allowed access to the Property without the presence of a GSA employee or designee.** (For improved or access controlled property)

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 the Government makes no 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. An “As Is, Where Is” provision will be included in the Quitclaim Deed.

## **6. ZONING**

The Property is zoned Suburban Residential (R2) according to the Worcester County Comprehensive Planning Map dated December 2003. The Property is subject to the jurisdiction of Worcester County Department of Development Review and Permitting. 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:

Worcester County Department of Development Review and Permitting  
410-532-1200

## **7. RISK OF LOSS**

As of the date of assumption of possession of the Property or the date of conveyance, whichever occurs first, 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 assumption of possession of the Property, or the date of conveyance, whichever occurs first, 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 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 Government's 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 – whether recorded or unrecorded - covenants, reservations, easements, restrictions, encroachments, and rights in favor of third parties, including 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, as well as any easements, reservations, rights and covenants reserved by the Grantor.

## **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 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 wire transferred funds have been received by the Government or that Purchaser's funds by check have been confirmed to the satisfaction of the Government, the Government shall deliver to the Purchaser the instrument, or instruments, of conveyance. 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**

Except for delayed closing caused solely by the Government or force majeure events, any change to the 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 shall record the quitclaim deed in the official records of the county. The Purchaser 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 (4PZN)  
77 Forsyth Street SW  
Atlanta, GA 30303

Attn: Tod J. Taylor, Realty Specialist

## **19. OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT**

No member or delegate to the Congress, or resident commissioner 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 and USCG employees are prohibited from bidding on the Property offered in the IFB.

# INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

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## 1. AUCTION START DATE

The auction opens on October 16, 2017 at 5:00 PM EST.

## 2. TYPE OF SALE

This sale will be an online auction conducted at [RealEstateSales.gov](http://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](http://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](http://RealEstateSales.gov). Click on "Register", establish a Username and Password and provide the requested account information. 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](http://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](http://RealEstateSales.gov). GSA staff cannot assist in retrieving a lost or forgotten Username or Password.

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.

A credit card validation process will be conducted 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 credit card information you provide at registration is used strictly for validation 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://gsaauctions.gov/html/help/index.html>.

- (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 \$2,500.00 (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 Government Real Property, along with the required Registration Deposit to:

U.S. General Services Administration  
Real Property Utilization and Disposal (4PZN)  
77 Forsyth Street SW  
Atlanta, GA 30303

Attn: Tod J. Taylor, Realty Specialist

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.

- c. It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that adequate time is available to complete the registration process as described above. 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](https://RealEstateSales.gov). By submitting your bid through [RealEstateSales.gov](https://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](https://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 GSAAuctions®, 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 GSAAuctions® [Terms and Conditions](#).

## 7. CONTINUOUS BIDDING RESULTS AND AUCTION INFORMATION

Bidders are strongly encouraged to monitor bidding activity at [RealEstateSales.gov](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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.

## 8. ONLINE BIDDING

[RealEstateSales.gov](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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

The Website may NOT be available during the following system maintenance window:

- A. Wednesday: 5:00 a.m. to 6:30 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 Auctions<sup>SM</sup> 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. AUCTION CLOSE

The Government will announce a date and time for the Close Time on [RealEstateSales.gov](https://RealEstateSales.gov). The Government will also set a Bid Interval or "challenge" period for bids. The Time Remaining countdown clock announces the time left to bid. The High Bid must survive the Bid Interval without challenge, usually within 24 hours of the auction close time, to win. If the High Bid on the announced date and time survives the full Bid Interval period without challenge, then bidding will close at the stated time and consideration for bid acceptance will be given to the High Bidder.

If an increased bid is received within the Time Remaining and the Bid Interval is 24 hours, then bidding will be held over for an additional Bid Interval (including weekends and Federal holidays) beginning at the time the increased bid is placed. This process will continue until the high bid survives the full Bid Interval period unchallenged. Bid Intervals may be changed from 24 hours (reduced or increased) as determined by the Government. For Bid Intervals of less than 24 hours, the auction will not close during non-business hours, weekends or Federal holidays and the bidding will continue to the next business day. **The Government reserves the right to increase or decrease the Bid Interval at any time prior to the close of the auction.** Bidder agrees that notices of changes to the sale are satisfactory when made available on the Website at [RealEstateSales.gov](https://RealEstateSales.gov).

## 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. **ATTORNEY OR AGENT.** A Bid executed by an attorney or agent on behalf of the Bidder shall be accompanied by an authenticated copy of his or her Power of Attorney or other evidence of his authority to act on behalf of the Bidder.
- b. **PARTNERSHIP.** If the Bidder is a partnership, and all partners sign the Bid with a notation that they are all the 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 and the Government, in its discretion, may require evidence of the authority of the signer(s) to execute the Bid on behalf of the partnership.
- c. **OTHER ENTITY.** If the Bidder is an entity other than a partnership (i.e. incorporated corporation, limited liability corporation, municipality, etc.) the Certificate of Corporate/Organization Bidder must be executed. This certificate must be executed under the entity's seal by some duly authorized officer of the entity other than the officer signing the Bid. In lieu of the Certificate of Corporate/Organization Bidder, there may be attached to the Bid copies of so much of the records of the entity as will show the official character and authority of the officer signing, duly certified by the secretary or assistant secretary, under the entity's seal, to be true copies.

## 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 or mailed to the bidder or their duly authorized representative at the fax/phone number or address indicated in the bid. 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

Upon bid acceptance, an unexecuted deed will be delivered to Purchaser by mail. Within **three (3) 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 (4PZN)  
77 Forsyth Street SW  
Atlanta, GA 30303

Attn: Tod J. Taylor, Realty Specialist

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 an additional amount, in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or electronic wire transfer equal to at least ten percent (10%) of the Purchase Price (the "Additional Deposit"), in addition to any prior funds previously provided to the Government by the Purchaser. Failure to provide the Additional Deposit will result in a default and forfeiture of any and all funds previously provided to the Government by the Purchaser.

If the Purchaser requests and the Government approves an alternate Closing Date more than sixty (60) calendar days from the date of award, the Purchaser agrees to further deposit an additional amount, in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or electronic wire transfer, which equals at least twenty five (25%) of the Purchase Price (the "Closing Extension Deposit"), in addition to any funds previously provided to the Government by the Purchaser. Failure to provide the Closing Extension Deposit at least ten (10) days before the Closing Date or within three (3) business days of the Government's approval of an alternate Closing Date, whichever is earlier, will result in a default and forfeiture of any and all funds previously provided to the Government by the Purchaser.

Except as set forth herein, any and all funds provided to the Government by the Purchaser shall be applied towards payment of the Purchaser's Purchase Price obligation to the Government. The remaining balance of the Purchase Price in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or electronic wire transfer is payable on the Closing Date, subject to any terms and conditions herein. 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 may elect to receive the refund by U.S. Treasury check or by an electronic funds transfer (EFT). Bidders will be required to provide GSA with a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) to ensure the proper refund of the Registration Deposit by the U.S. Treasury. The TIN may be either a Social Security Number (SSN) or an Employer Identification Number (EIN). 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 only for the proper refund of the Registration Deposit. Refunds will only be processed to the same individual or entity identified by the TIN. Bidders requesting to receive a refund by EFT will be required to provide additional information to GSA including bank account information to process the refund. Registration Deposits provided by credit card will be credited to the same account number provided.

Upon receipt of the Earnest Money described in Paragraph 16, credit card deposits may be refunded.

Registration Deposits received from the second highest bidder will be held as stipulated in Paragraph 18, Back-up 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. Refunds by U.S. Treasury check or by EFT will be processed in a timely manner but may require several weeks to complete. 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](https://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

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## HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE NOTIFICATION

Pursuant to Section 120(h)(4) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. § 9620(h) (4), the Grantor hereby gives notice that no hazardous substances or petroleum products or its derivatives are known to have been released, or disposed of on the Property.

Pursuant to CERCLA Section 120(h)(4)(D)(i), 42 U.S.C. § 9620(h)(4)(D)(i), the Grantor warrants that any remedial action, response action or corrective action found to be necessary after the date of this conveyance shall be conducted by the United States of America. This covenant shall not apply in any case in which the Grantee, its successors(s), or assign(s), or any successor in interest to the Property or part thereof, is a Potentially Responsible Party with respect to the Property immediately prior to the date of this conveyance. This covenant shall not apply to the extent, but only to the extent, that such additional remedial action, response action or corrective action, or part thereof, found to be necessary is the result of an act or failure to act of the Grantee, its successor(s), or assign(s) or any party in possession after the date of this conveyance that either:

- A. results in a release or threatened release of a hazardous substance or a petroleum product or its derivative that was not located on the Property on the date of this conveyance; OR
- B. causes or exacerbates the release or threatened release of a hazardous substance or a petroleum product or its derivative the existence and location of which was known and identified to the applicable regulatory authority as of the date of this conveyance.

In the event the Grantee, its successor(s), or assign(s) seeks to have the Grantor conduct or pay for any remedial action, response action, or corrective action, and as a condition precedent to the Grantor incurring any obligation or related expenses, the Grantee, its successor(s), or assign(s) shall provide the Grantor at least 45 days written notice of such a claim and provide credible evidence that:

- A. the claimed hazardous substance or petroleum product or its derivative requiring remedial action, response action, or corrective action was located on the Property prior to the date of this conveyance in such quantity that the requested remedial action, response action, or corrective action by the Grantor was required under law applicable at the time of this conveyance; and
- B. the need to conduct any remedial action, response action, or corrective action, or part thereof, is and was not the result of any act or failure to act by the Grantee, its successor(s), or assign(s) or any party in possession.

Pursuant to CERCLA Section 120(h)(4)(D)(ii), 42 USC § 9620(h)(4)(D)(ii), the Grantor reserves a right of access to all portions of the Property for environmental investigation, remediation or other corrective action on this Property or on adjoining property. This reservation includes the right of access to and use of available utilities at reasonable cost to the Grantor. These rights shall be exercisable in any case in which a remedial action, response action, or corrective action is found to be necessary after the date of this conveyance, or in which access is necessary to carry out a remedial action, response action, or corrective action on adjoining property. Pursuant to this reservation, the United States of America, and its respective officers, agents, employees, contractors and subcontractors shall have the right (upon reasonable advance written notice to the record title owner) to enter upon the Property and conduct investigations and surveys, to include drilling, test-pitting, borings, data and records compilation and other activities related to environmental investigation, and to carry out remedial or removal actions as required or necessary, including but not limited to the installation and operation of monitoring wells, pumping wells, and treatment facilities. The United States of America shall, to the extent practicable, coordinate any such entry, including such activities, responses or remedial actions, with the record title owner and perform any such entry in a manner that minimizes interruption with activities of authorized occupants.

## **MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE AND LAND INFORMATION NETWORK (MERLIN)**

According to Maryland's Environmental Resource and Land Information Network (MERLIN), the site is vulnerable to sea level rise at 5-10 foot inundation.

### **NOTICE AND COVENANT FOR LEAD-BASED PAINT ("LBP") HAZARDS**

The house was constructed in 1973. LBP testing was conducted in 2016 and indicated that two locations had lead concentrations at or above the USEPA/HUD definition of lead-based paint (at or above 1.0 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>). Paint on a post and the ceiling of the front porch contained 1.3 and 1.6 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>, respectively. Two locations (porch header and crown molding in the laundry room) were documented to have lead concentrations present, but at levels below the USEPA/HUD definition of lead-based paint. The painted surfaces appeared to be in good condition with no peeling or flaking. The risk assessment concluded that a LBP hazard is not present. If renovation or demolition activities are planned for the property, the disturbance of lead-containing painted surfaces should be performed in accordance with the USEPA-Lead; Renovation, Repair and Painting Program (40 CFR 745.80, Subpart E).

The property may present exposure to lead from lead-based paint that may place young children at risk of developing lead poisoning. Lead poisoning in young children may produce permanent neurological damage, including learning disabilities, reduced intelligence quotient, behavioral problems, and impaired memory. Lead poisoning also poses a particular risk to pregnant women. The seller of any interest in residential real property is required to provide the buyer with any information on lead-based paint hazards from risk assessments or inspections in the seller's possession and notify the buyer of any known lead-based paint hazards. A risk assessment or inspection for possible lead-based paint hazards is recommended prior to converting the Property to a residential dwelling.

Accordingly, the instruments of conveyance shall include the following:

The GRANTEE, in accepting this Deed, acknowledges that:

- (1) the GRANTOR has disclosed to the GRANTEE the presence of any known lead-based paint, or any known lead-based paint hazards, regarding the Property;
- (2) the GRANTOR provided the GRANTEE with any lead hazard evaluation report(s) available to the GRANTOR;
- (3) the GRANTOR provided to the GRANTEE a lead hazard information pamphlet, as prescribed by the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under section 406 of the Toxic Substances Control Act; and
- (4) the GRANTOR provided the GRANTEE with a period of at least ten (10) days to conduct a risk assessment or inspection for the presence of lead-based paint hazards before the GRANTEE became obligated under a contract to purchase the Property.

GRANTOR assumes no liability for damages for property damage, personal injury, illness, disability, or death, to GRANTEE, its successors or assigns, or to any other person, including members of the general public, arising from or incident to the purchase, transportation, removal, handling, use, disposition, or other activity causing or leading to contact of any kind whatsoever with lead-based paint on the Property described in this deed, whether GRANTEE, and its successors or assigns, have properly warned or failed to properly warn the individual(s) injured.

GRANTEE, its successors and assigns, covenant and agree that in their use and occupancy of the Property they will comply with all existing Federal, state, local, and any other applicable laws regarding lead-based paint and lead-based paint hazards, such as 24 C.F.R. Part 35 and 40 C.F.R. Part 745, as well as any said laws promulgated in the future.

GRANTEE, its successors and assigns, covenant and agree, that with respect to any improvement located on the Property that is defined as "target housing" by 24 C.F.R. Part 35 and constructed prior to 1978, lead-based paint hazards will be disclosed to potential occupants in accordance with Title X (Residential



Lead-based Paint Hazard Reduction Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4851-4856) before any use of such improvement as a residential dwelling.

GRANTEE, its successors and assigns, further covenant and agree, that with respect to any improvement located on the Property that is defined as "target housing" by 24 C.F.R. Part 35 and constructed prior to 1960, GRANTEE, its successors and assigns, will not occupy such improvement, or allow or cause such improvement to be occupied, unless and until the GRANTOR concurs in writing that all lead-based paint hazards have been abated.

GRANTEE, its successors and assigns, hereby further covenant and agree that any future transfer or conveyance of the Property shall include these covenants unless and until the GRANTOR concurs in writing that all lead-based paint hazards have been abated.

GRANTOR'S concurrence that all lead-based paint hazards have been abated shall not be unreasonably withheld if the GRANTEE, its successors or assigns, at no cost to GRANTOR, demonstrates that all lead-based paint hazards have been abated in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations and at least the following requirements:

- (1) before commencement of on-site preparation activities for abatement, GRANTEE makes current any risk assessment provided by the GRANTOR if more than 12 months have elapsed since the risk assessment was prepared or, in the absence of a risk assessment provided by the GRANTOR, makes a lead-based paint hazard risk assessment;
- (2) following abatement activities, GRANTEE obtains a clearance examination, in accordance with applicable regulations, and conducted by a person certified to perform risk assessments or lead-based paint inspections, which examination must show that the clearance samples meet the standards set forth in 24 C.F.R. Part 35 Subpart R;
- (3) following abatement activities, GRANTEE obtains a clearance report, in accordance with applicable regulations, prepared by a person certified to perform risk assessments or lead-based paint inspections pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.227; and
- (4) GRANTEE provides GRANTOR with copies of any and all clearance examination(s) and clearance report(s).

GRANTEE, its successors and assigns, further agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the GRANTOR from any and all loss, judgment, claims, demands, expenses or damages, of whatever nature which might arise or be made against the United States of America, due to, or relating to, the presence of lead-based paint hazards on the Property, any related abatement activities, or the disposal of any material from an abatement process.

These covenants shall remain and run with the land in perpetuity and shall be enforceable by the GRANTOR, the State or Commonwealth in which the Property is located, or both. The GRANTOR hereby reserves to itself and to the State or Commonwealth in which the Property is located, and their respective officials, agents, employees, contractors, and subcontractors, an easement for ingress to, egress from, and access to the Property in, on, over, through, and across the Property to verify compliance with these covenants by the GRANTEE, its successors and assigns.

## **NOTICE OF THE POTENTIAL PRESENCE OF ASBESTOS**

The home may contain asbestos-containing materials. Accordingly, the instruments of conveyance shall contain the following disclosure:

(a) The Grantee is advised that the Property does not appear to but may contain asbestos-containing materials. Unprotected or unregulated exposures to asbestos in product manufacturing, shipyard, and building construction workplaces have been associated with asbestos-related diseases. Both the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulate asbestos because of the potential hazards associated with exposure to airborne asbestos fibers. Both OSHA and EPA have determined

that such exposure increases the risk of asbestos-related diseases, which include certain cancers and which can result in disability or death.

(b) Grantee is invited, urged, and cautioned to inspect the Property as to its asbestos content and condition and any hazardous or environmental conditions thereto prior to conveyance. The Grantor will assist Grantee in obtaining any authorization(s) which may be required in order to carry out any such inspection(s). Grantee shall be deemed to have relied solely on their own judgment in assessing the overall condition of all or any portion of the Property including, without limitation, any asbestos hazards or concerns.

(c) No warranties either express or implied are given with regard to the condition of the Property including, without limitation, whether the Property does or does not contain asbestos or is or is not safe for a particular purpose.

(d) The description of the Property set forth in this conveyance document and any other information provided therein with respect to said Property is based on the best information available to the disposal agency and is believed to be correct, but an error or omission, including but not limited to the omission of any information available to the agency having custody over the Property or any other Federal agency, shall not constitute grounds for any claim by the Grantee against the Grantor.

(e) The Grantor assumes no liability for damages for personal injury, illness, disability or death, to the Grantee, or to the Grantee's successors, assigns, employees, invitees, licensees, or any other person subject to Grantee's control or direction, or to any other person, including members of the general public, arising from or incident to the purchase, transportation, removal, handling, use, disposition, or other activity causing or leading to contact of any kind whatsoever with asbestos on the Property which is the subject of this conveyance, whether the Grantee, its successors or assigns has or have properly warned or failed properly to warn the individual(s) injured.

(f) The Grantee further agrees that in its use and occupancy of the Property it will comply with all Federal, state, and local laws relating to asbestos.

## **NOTICE OF PRESENCE OF PESTICIDES**

The Grantee is notified that the Property may contain the presence of pesticides that have been applied in the management of the property. The United States knows of no use of any registered pesticide in a manner inconsistent with its labeling, and believes that all applications were made in accordance with the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA - 7 U.S.C. Sec. 136, et seq.), its implementing regulations, and according to the labeling provided with such substances. Furthermore, that in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA -- 42 U.S.C. Sec. 9601, et seq.), the use of such substances is not a "release" (as defined in CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 9601 (22)), but instead the use of a consumer product in consumer use (42 U.S.C. Sec. 9601(9)), and the application of a pesticide product registered under FIFRA for which recovery for response costs is not allowed (42 U.S.C. Sec. 9607(i)).

## **NOTICE OF THE POTENTIAL PRESENCE OF MOLD**

The Purchaser/Grantee is notified that various forms of mold may be present at various locations in the home. Molds and mold growth may create toxins that can cause adverse health reactions to some humans after exposure, and which falls within the CERCLA "Limitations on Response" standards at 42 U.S.C. 9604 (a)(3). The federal and state governments have not set standards or threshold limit values for airborne concentrations of mold or mold spores. Information provided to the Purchaser/Grantee with respect to the property is based on the best information available to the Government and is believed to be correct, but any error of 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, will not constitute grounds for liability for damages by the Government for personal injury, illness, disability, or death, to the Grantee, its successors, assigns, employees, invitees, or any other person subject to the Grantee's control or direction.

## **AS-IS, WHERE-IS PROVISION**

- A. Grantee agrees and acknowledges that grantor is selling 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 the United States of America, as grantor, 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 United States of America and its 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 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 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 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 grantor’s obligation under the CERCLA covenant or any other statutory obligations.

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ("SELLER") DISCLOSURE OF  
INFORMATION ON LEAD-BASED  
PAINT AND/OR LEAD-BASED PAINT HAZARDS**

**Description of Real Property for sale**

The real property is located at 10119 Bonita Drive, Ocean City, MD 21842 (the "Property") is being sold pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in GSA INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) No. PEACH418003001 to (the "Purchaser").

**Lead-Based Paint Hazard Warning Stat**

Every purchaser of any interest in residential real property on which a residential dwelling was built prior to 1978 is notified that such property may present exposure to lead from lead-based paint that may place young children at risk of developing lead poisoning. Lead poisoning in young children may produce permanent neurological damage, including learning disabilities, reduced intelligence quotient, behavioral problems, and impaired memory. Lead poisoning also poses a particular risk to pregnant women. The seller of any interest in residential real property is required to provide the buyer with any information on lead-based paint hazards from risk assessments or inspections in the seller's possession and notify the buyer of any known lead-based paint hazards. A risk assessment or inspection for possible lead-based paint hazards is recommended prior to purchase.

**Seller's Disclosure**

Seller is aware that the Property was built before 1978. The Property may contain lead-based paint. Seller has provided the Purchaser with access to all available records and reports (collectively "Records") pertaining to lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards at the Property. The Records include: *Environmental Due Diligence Activities Report* dated April 2014.

**Purchaser's Acknowledgment**

Purchaser acknowledges that Purchaser has received copies of all information listed above. Purchaser has read the pamphlet "*Protect Your Family From Lead In Your Home*." (Pamphlet is available at [propertydisposal.gsa.gov](http://propertydisposal.gsa.gov)). In addition, Purchaser has received an opportunity (at least ten days) to conduct a risk assessment or inspection of the Property for the presence of lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards, and exercised or waived that right.

Purchaser hereby acknowledges receipt of the above information, opportunity to perform a risk inspection and assessment, before occupancy: (initial/date)

**Certification of Accuracy**

The following parties have reviewed the information above and certify, to the best of their knowledge, that the information they have provided is true and accurate.

Signature\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_  
**SELLER**

Signature\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_  
**PURCHASER**

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

USCG Housing, Ocean City, MD  
10119 Bonita Drive, Ocean City, MD  
IFB #: PEACH0418003001  
REGISTRATION DEPOSIT: \$2,500.00

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**  
TIN or SS# \_\_\_\_\_ (please provide to expedite refund)

☐ 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. PEACH418003001 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 Government 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](http://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 Government property.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Send Registration Form with Registration Deposit to:**

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

FAX: (404) 215-8600

# CERTIFICATE OF CORPORATE/ORGANIZATION BIDDER

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

USCG Housing, Ocean City, MD  
10119 Bonita Drive  
Ocean City, MD 21842

**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 Government Property on behalf of the bidder was then

\_\_\_\_\_ of said Corporation/Organization; that said bid was duly  
(Official Title)

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)