

# REAL PROPERTY DISPOSAL NEWS

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## PBS Announces Property Disposal Director



**Rob L. Miller, Jr.**

The Office of Property Disposal officially welcomed its newly selected Director, Rob L. Miller, Jr., on September 15, 2008.

Rob previously worked as a Senior Program Analyst within GSA's Office of Governmentwide Policy (OGP) in Washington, DC. For the past four years, Rob has served as Program Manager and COTR for the Federal Asset Sales E-Government Program. During FY 2007, Federal agencies sold over \$2 billion worth of real estate and personal property assets through GovSales.gov.

Rob began his career with GSA in 1997 as a National Management Intern in the Atlanta Regional Office where he completed assignments in the Public Buildings Service and the former Federal Supply Service and Federal Technology Service organizations. Upon completion of the intern program, he was selected as a program analyst in OGP.

Rob previously served in property utilization and donation as marketing manager for GSA's Computers for Learning (CFL) program. During Rob's tenure, GSA launched the Gold Star Awards Program which provides a \$1,500 annual cash award to recognize excellence in Federal participation in the program and partnered with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce to foster private companies' participation in the program. As a result, the CFL team increased computer donations to schools and educational non-profits by over 100% from approximately 12,000 donations in 2003 to over 25,000 donations in 2004.

As a Personal Property Analyst and Certified Professional Property Manager (CPPM), Rob has provided written and verbal guidance to Federal agencies on all aspects of personal property disposal and has spoken at numerous national property management conferences and agency seminars.

Rob received a Bachelor's of Science in Management from Southern Illinois University, attended the Georgia State University College of Law, earned a Master of Public Administration degree from Troy State University and received a Master's Certificate in IT Project Management from George Washington University. Rob is a licensed real estate sales agent and veteran of the United States Marine Corps.

## Welcome Our New Realty Specialist



**Scott Mowry**

On August 18, 2008, Property Disposal welcomed its newest Realty Specialist, Scott Mowry. Although he originally hails from Portland, Oregon, Scott has called Atlanta home since 2004. Prior to joining GSA, Scott spent eight years at the US Postal Service working in Operations

Management and Facilities. As a Real Estate Specialist and Contracting Officer in Atlanta, Scott negotiated leases, easements, rights of way and acquired property for new construction throughout the southeast. For the past two years, Scott performed portfolio management and property disposal functions as the Revenue Generation Team member for the Southeast and was successful in generating \$7.5 million in revenue from property disposal.

**SOLD!**

## Another Success In Philadelphia!

A small residential lot, located in the greater northeast section of Philadelphia on Eastwood Street, was auctioned for **\$455,000** on June 25, 2008 at the Philadelphia Airport Marriott. This lot contains approximately 31,333 sq/ft and is adjacent to the former Social Security Administration (SSA) on Bustleton Avenue which was sold on our [auctionrnp.com](http://auctionrnp.com) website in August 2007 for **\$1,850,000**. GSA acquired each of these properties in the mid-1960s.



Bustleton Avenue, Philadelphia, PA

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## Our Staff:

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### Helpful Links

<https://www.propertydisposal.gsa.gov>

Property Disposal's home page has links to all the properties available for sale to the public. Individuals can look at pictures of the properties, obtain general information about open houses and/or sales dates, download/print the Invitation for Bids (brochures) for each property and access our online auction module.

[www.auctionrp.com](http://www.auctionrp.com)

Bidders can bid online for available properties through this site.

<https://rc.gsa.gov>

Our Resource Center has a wealth of information available to our client agencies. You can find online forms, such as the SF-118, and a library of information on the disposal program. Federal and surplus screening notices are issued through the Resource Center.

## COMING SOON!!!

Property Disposal will soon host an auction for the Federal Building and Post Office, Greenwood, MS. Originally constructed in 1967, this building features a brick exterior with a first floor main entrance of glass construction. The property resides on a 1.46-acre tract in the Central Business District of downtown Greenwood. The building will be disposed of in the near future in an online auction conducted at [www.auctionrp.com](http://www.auctionrp.com).

For additional information contact Gabriel Head at (404) 331-0298

## Volkswagen Plans \$1 Billion Plant in Chattanooga on Former Army Site

Volkswagen recently announced it will construct a \$1 billion automobile manufacturing plant on the former site of the Volunteer Army Ammunition Plant (VAAP) in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The plant is scheduled to open by the end of 2010 and is expected to bring 2,000 direct jobs to the area and attract a work force from the tri-state region of Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee.

The VAAP disposal project began in early 1998 after the property was declared excess by the Army. VAAP originally consisted of 6,350 acres, 100+ buildings, 80 miles of roadway, 20 miles of railroad, and various utility systems.

GSA and the Army worked actively with the City of Chattanooga and Hamilton County to plan for the reuse of the VAAP in such a way that supported local and regional goals for economic development and sustainable growth. The local governments, in partnership with GSA, developed a comprehensive reuse plan for VAAP.

Development of the plan involved the identification and separation of parcels based on highest and best use analyses, levels of contamination, and other determining factors. Once the reuse plan was developed, GSA worked closely with the local governments to convey the industrial areas expeditiously so they could market the site to auto manufacturing companies.

The Volkswagen project is a significant step in providing for the productive reuse of the former VAAP site and a major economic opportunity for the region.

For additional information contact Lori Dennis at (404) 331-2363.



## Sharp's Island Lighthouse



Sharp's Island Lighthouse is the latest of many lighthouses the U.S. Coast Guard has reported excess to GSA for disposal. The light is located offshore on the eastern side of the Chesapeake Bay, near Easton in Talbot County. Constructed in 1882, the light is on the National Register of Historic Places and was disposed of via the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act of 2000 (NHLPA). On September 24, 2008 a sales price of **\$80,000** was obtained for the property via online auction.

The NHLPA authorizes the disposal of historic lighthouses through a competitive merit-based application process, in addition to establishing a national lighthouse preservation program. The program is administered through the combined efforts of the GSA, Department of Interior's National Park Service, and the U.S. Coast Guard. The role of GSA is the outreach to eligible entities and the marketing of these historic properties, as well as the conveyance of the property from Federal ownership.

NHLPA recognizes the cultural, recreational, and educational value associated with these historic resources by allowing lighthouse properties to be transferred at no cost to eligible entities for park, recreational, cultural, historic, and educational uses.

## Tom Maguire on retirement: "What is there not to like?"



Tom Maguire

Tom Maguire, former Director of GSA's Atlanta, Georgia, Property Disposal Office, retired on May 3, 2008. He had served as our Director for the last 13 years. His total career with the Federal Government spanned 37 years; four years as an Officer in the U.S. Air Force and 33 years in various real estate positions with GSA.

Tom enjoyed his real estate work and also enjoyed being stationed in Atlanta, his hometown, while with GSA. He will miss his friends in the Government, but has assured us he will enjoy his retirement years, as well. Tom has been quoted as saying, "What is there not to enjoy about being retired?". He continues to reside in Marietta, Georgia, and plans to spend a lot of time playing tennis and hanging out with his grandson, Mac.