

**TOWN OF AMHERST INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
PROPERTY DISPOSAL GUIDELINES**

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The Town of Amherst Industrial Development Agency (the “Agency”), a New York public benefit corporation, in compliance with the New York State Public Authorities Law, has established these Guidelines for the Disposal of Property (the “Guidelines”).

These Guidelines shall apply to the disposal of real property and personal property throughout the year following their adoption and until such time as the Agency adopts new or revised Guidelines. The Members of the Agency shall review and approve of these Guidelines, with any necessary modifications and revisions, on a no less than annual basis.

1. Designation of Contracting Officer

The Agency hereby designates James J. Allen as the Agency’s Contracting Officer, in compliance with the provisions of New York State Public Authorities Law. The Contracting Officer shall hold this position until the Members of the Agency designate a new Contracting Officer or until such time as the Members adopt new Property Disposal Guidelines.

The Contracting Officer shall be responsible for the administration and implementation of these Guidelines. The Contracting Officer shall cause these Guidelines to be posted on the Agency’s website so that they are available to the general public.

2. Application of Guidelines

The procedures outlined in these Guidelines shall apply to the Agency’s disposal from time to time of all personal property having a fair market value at the time of disposal of more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and all interests in real property. As used in these Guidelines, “property” shall include personal and real property. Personal and real property are distinguished from each other as appropriate in some Sections of these Guidelines.

The Agency shall dispose of personal property with a fair market value at the time of disposal of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or less in a prudent manner. Property of only nominal value may be donated to a not-for-profit or governmental agency or disposed of in any manner practicable.

3. Purpose

The Agency has adopted these Guidelines to comply with the provisions of NYS Public Authorities Law and to realize a favorable return on the disposal of Agency property.

4. Fair Market Value

Before disposing of property, the Contracting Officer shall take reasonable measures to determine the fair market value of the property to be disposed. Fair market value of property that is unique in nature and therefore not subject to fair market value pricing shall be determined through an appraisal by a qualified professional. Prior to its disposal, the fair market value of all real property shall be established by an appraisal conducted by a qualified professional.

5. Advertised Bid

All disposals of Agency property shall be made after public advertisement for bids for the purchase of Agency property. The Contracting Officer shall order the advertising for bids in such a manner and in such publications as the Contracting Officer deems reasonably necessary to permit full and fair competition for the property consistent with the fair market value and nature of the property.

All advertisements for soliciting bids on Agency property shall state the method, place and deadline for the submission of bids, and request any other information the Contracting Officer deems necessary to evaluate bids being solicited.

All advertisements and announcements soliciting bids shall state the place and time at which the content of all bids received for the property advertised shall be publicly disclosed. The content of all bids received shall be publicly disclosed as announced in the solicitation for bids.

6. Award of Property Subject to Bid

Award of the property for which bids have been solicited shall be made within a timeframe reasonable for the evaluation of the bids received. The Contracting Officer shall evaluate the bids and select the bid most advantageous to the Agency based upon (a) conformance with the invitation for bids, (b) the terms, including but not limited to the price offered, and (c) any other factors that warrant consideration.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Agency may reject as inadequate all bids received in response to a particular solicitation for bids if the Contracting Officer deems that it is in the best interest of the Agency to reject all bids.

7. Notification of Successful Bid

The Agency shall notify the successful bidder in writing of the Agency's acceptance of the bid. This notice shall contain a description of the property, the amount of the successful bid and any other material terms of the bid. The bidder shall be required to make payment to the Agency Treasurer in a form and on terms acceptable to the Agency before taking possession of the property.

The Agency shall gather the following information regarding any successful bidder: name, address, and telephone number.

The Agency shall provide to the successful bidder a deed, bill of sale, lease or other appropriate instrument adequate to transfer to the successful bidder the interest in the property.

8. Contracts to Dispose of Property

The Agency may solicit bids for contracts to dispose of the Agency property covered by these Guidelines. In the event that the Agency determines that the services of a company are necessary to assist the Agency in disposing of certain of its property, the Agency shall follow the same procedures in selecting an organization to dispose of property as the Agency follows under these Guidelines for disposal of property through advertised bid.

9. Disposal of property by Negotiation

The Agency may dispose of property through negotiation or by public auction without regard to the above described procedures if the Contracting Officer determines that any of the following conditions exist:

- (a) introduction into the market of the personal property to be disposed of would adversely affect the local market for that kind of property, and a fair market price and other terms for the sale of the personal property can be obtained through negotiation;
- (b) the fair market value of the property does not exceed fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000);
- (c) prices for the property that were obtained by advertised bid were not reasonable or the bid process did not generate open competition;
- (d) disposal of the property to the state or any political subdivision at fair market value can be arranged through negotiation;
- (e) the property is being disposed of for less than fair market value, the terms of the disposal have been reached through public auction or negotiation, the disposal of the property is intended to further the health, safety, welfare or economic development interests of the state or any of its political subdivisions, and the Members of the Agency have approved the particular transaction by resolution; or
- (f) such action is otherwise authorized by law.

10. Documentation of Disposal by Negotiation

The Contracting Officer shall cause to be prepared an explanation of the circumstances of the disposal when property is disposed of through the negotiation process described in Section 9, and any of the following are true:

- (a) personal property disposed of has an estimated fair market value in excess of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000);
- (b) real property sold has an appraised value in excess of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00);
- (c) real property leased has been leased for a period of five years or less and the estimated annual fair market rent is in excess of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00);
- (d) real property leased has been leased for a period of more than five years and the total estimated fair market rent over the term of the lease is more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00);
- (e) the personal or real property has been disposed of by exchange; or
- (f) any part of the consideration for the property disposed of consists of real property.

The Contracting Officer shall cause any and all explanatory statements required under this Section 10 to be transmitted at least ninety (90) days in advance of disposal by negotiation to the recipients of the yearly report of dispositions required under Section 11 of these Guidelines.

11. Yearly Property Report

Each year the Contracting Officer shall publish a report listing all real and personal property disposed of by the Agency during the previous twelve-month period. The report shall contain a full description of each item of property disposed of, the price received by the Authority, and the name of the individual(s) or entity that purchased the property.

The Contracting Officer shall cause the report to be delivered to the Comptroller, the Director of the Budget, the Commissioner of General Services, and the New York State Legislature c/o the Speaker of the House and the Senate Majority Leader.

The Contracting Officer shall cause the report to be published on the Agency's website.