**Information for Veteran Owned Small Businesses**

Thank you for your interest in the Federal Surplus Property Program! Public Law (115-416) “Veteran Small Business Enhancement Act” gives Veteran-Owned Small Businesses access to our program. Below are some frequently asked questions that we hope will help introduce you to the program.

Please contact us at fedsurplus@ks.gov or by phone at 785-296-2351 for more information.

**How do I know if my veteran owned small business (VOSB) will qualify to receive federal surplus property?**

There are two basic pre-requisites: your business must be verified as a Veteran-Owned Small Business with the VA, and your business must have a location and operations in Kansas.

**My business meets the criteria listed above. How do I join the Federal Surplus Property Program?**

If you meet the two criteria listed in Question #1 above, the next step is to complete Kansas Federal Surplus Eligibility application.

**I am not sure if my business is registered with the VA. How can I check?**

The VA has an online database of currently verified VOSBs: <https://vetbiz.va.gov/vip/>

Additional helpful information about the VA’s verification process can be found at:

<https://www.va.gov/osdbu/verification/>

If you are not currently registered with the VA, or your certification has expired, then we strongly

recommend that you start the application or renewal process NOW! Sources tell us that VA processing

times for new applicants can take 6 weeks – 3 months.

**Does service disable veteran-owned small businesses (SDVOSB) qualify?**

Yes, if the SDVOSB is verified by the VA.

**Will the property be offered to my business at no charge?**

All property obtained through our federal program will have an associated service charge that your

business must pay. On average, the service charge is 5-35% of the item’s original value but will vary

according to the item’s type, condition, and current value. The service charges paid by participating

organizations fund our program, as we do not receive any funding from the State or Federal

government.

**How do I pay the service charge?**

Payment must be in the form of a company check. Cash, cashier’s checks, personal checks, and money orders are NOT accepted. We cannot accept credit cards. Payment in full is due within 30 days of the invoice date.

**Are there restrictions on the types of property that my business can obtain, and how it must be used?**

Veteran-Owned Small Businesses will be subject to our standard restrictions on the use of the property. For example, the property must be obtained to support your business's operations. It may not be used for personal or unrelated reasons. There will be a certain restriction or “compliance” period, during which the property must be used by your business. The compliance period is typically 12-18 months but may vary according to the item’s type and value. During the property’s compliance period, you may not sell, trade, lease, lend, bail, cannibalize, encumber, or otherwise dispose of such property, or remove it permanently, for use outside the State, without the prior, written approval of TFC and/or GSA. SBA approval may also be required for small businesses.