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STATE AND FEDERAL SURPLUS SERVICES

The Department of Administrative Services, [State and Federal Surplus Services](#) receives and disburses property declared as surplus because the items are damaged or at the end of their life cycle for government use. Property is made available to other state agencies, state higher education facilities, tax-supported agencies, municipal corporations, and other political subdivisions of the state, including public schools. *The remaining property is sold at public auctions held by State Surplus Services. State agencies and members of the Federal Surplus program can also acquire excess federal property through this office.

Surplus vehicles are stored at the surplus car lot at 4200 Surface Road in Columbus. Other surplus property is accumulated at the surplus warehouse also at 4200 Surface Road. The program can provide a source of supply at prices which are considerably below what is available

from other sources. Vehicles are sold at 60% of "blue book" retail value. Other property is generally priced well below its actual value.

After registering at the State Surplus office, visit the surplus warehouse and/or car lot at your convenience and purchase what you need. No appointment is necessary. Contact the warehouse (614-466-7636) or the car lot (614-466-2670) for further information. No sales are conducted one week prior to a public warehouse auction or two weeks prior to a public vehicle auction.

The federal government makes federal surplus property available to the states after it remains unclaimed by federal agencies and other organizations. Those eligible to receive property through the program are state agencies and organizations, state-assisted or state-supported schools, all political subdivisions of the state, and non-

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profit organizations involved in health, education, or human services which meet the eligibility requirements set by the federal government.

*Federal Surplus property is not available to the general public.

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FIND USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT STATES ACROSS THE NATION

In every state and the District of Columbia, agencies are creating databases of useful information - information on businesses, licensed professionals, plots of land, even dates of fish stocking. Some of this content is available on search engines, but much of it is part of the [invisible web](#).

Since July 2007, librarians and other government information specialists have been working on identifying and annotating these databases in one place. We've chased across fifty state websites so you don't have to! The result is [State Agency Databases](#) across the Fifty States or the State Agency Wiki.

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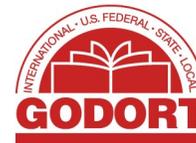
Association, Reference & User Services Association) named this site one of its [Best Free Reference Web Sites of 2012](#)!! Click on a state name to find a list of databases by agency.

Each state has a volunteer who monitors for new databases and broken links at least once per quarter. The State Agency Wiki is a project of the State and Local Documents Task Force (SLDTF) of the Government Documents Round Table (GODORT), American Library Association.

Another project of note is the [State Blue Books](#) project. According to [Wikipedia](#) Blue book or Bluebook is a term often referring to an almanac or other compilation of statistics and

information. The term dates back to the 15th century, when large blue velvet-covered books were used for record-keeping by the Parliament of the United Kingdom. Information for each state includes the following: State, "Blue Book" Title, URL (if available), and Notes (if any).

Not all states have "Blue Books." In these cases efforts have been made to direct users to resources that contain at least some of the information available from a "Blue Book."



*Text is from the *GODORT State Agency Databases [wiki](#).*

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