

Surplus Non-computer Property Online Auction FAQ's (Frequently Asked Questions)

Auction Change.....how's the process different?

In the past, the college disposed of its non-computer equipment by partnering with Worstell Auctioneers. The second Saturday of every month Worstell would conduct a live or site auction and anyone who attended could bid on items. The college paid 50% commission for general merchandise and 15% commission for automobiles from the proceeds that were received at the auction. Worstell would remit sales tax on behalf of the College and remit remaining proceeds to the College.

Beginning FY16, San Jacinto College will partner with Lone Star Auctioneers where all non-computer equipment will be auctioned online. The sale will be managed by the company and our surplus will be identified as a San Jacinto auction. The auction will be accessible to anyone who chooses to view the website. The buyer will pay a buyer's premium, in excess of the bid price, which covers the auctioneer's commission and the purchasing co-op's administrative costs.

What is being auctioned on the online auction site?

All non-computer equipment and supplies no longer needed by the College will be auctioned if the equipment is not repurposed by other department within the College.

Can anyone bid on auction items?

For the most part anyone can bid on auction items. Individuals or organizations must register to bid on items through Lone Star Auctioneers, who verify identity and payment method.

Only restricted items may limited bidding to qualified buyers.

How will SJC employees be notified of auction dates?

Auxiliary services will send an email until a posting location is identified so interested parties are made aware of auction dates.

When surplus non-computer equipment is received, emails will advise staff of items that can be repurposed by other departments, after which these items will be auctioned. Items will be available for staff selection for a limited time and timing will be identified on the email.

Is there a fee for attending an auction?

There is not fee for attending an auction. Bidders must be registered with Lone Star auctioneers **before** bidding.

Is there any change to the current paper process when disposing of surplus non-computer equipment?

At this point, there aren't any changes to the paper process. However, there are logistic changes which include - Maintenance retrieving the surplus equipment and consolidating at a Central Campus location. Pictures and descriptions will be written and provided to the online company by Auxiliary Services. The buyer will make arrangements to remove the item from the College premises.

What if the equipment to be disposed of has been exposed to or currently has chemicals, who is responsible for cleaning the equipment and disposing of chemicals, prior to auction?

In this situation, the Safety Department will be notified and they will assist with the cleaning and disposal of chemicals. After the equipment is cleaned, Auxiliary Services will dispose of via the online auction process.

Are other institutions using an online auction system to dispose of their property?

Yes, many other organizations are using online auctions to dispose of their property. In Texas alone there are many government organizations that use online auctions including many community colleges, municipalities and large state universities, including Texas A&M University and UT Arlington.

Who is the College point of contact for the online auction? How can I contact this person?

Auxiliary Services specifically Richard Serna will be responsible for this function. Richard is assuming added responsibilities in addition to his print & mail responsibilities. You can contact Richard by emailing him at DL – Surplus Property.