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FOR SECOND YEAR, PVSC BENEFITS FROM U.S. SURPLUS EQUIPMENT To Date, No-Cost Vehicles, Tools, Parts and Safety Gear Save PVSC more than \$1.2 Million



NEWARK, NJ – The Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission (PVSC) today announced the acquisition of more new U.S. Government Surplus property, which will save the Commission over a quarter of a million dollars and will enhance PVSC's operations – both within the plant and out in the field servicing its 48 municipalities. This is the second year that PVSC has participated in the U.S. Government Surplus program. Last year, PVSC saved close to one million dollars in the acquisition of trucks, wreckers and other heavy-duty equipment routinely used by the PVSC.

Thanks to an innovative program that allows PVSC to purchase available surplus government assets, the facility has once again recently acquired several pieces of valuable property *at no-cost*. The additional equipment is especially useful in the PVSC's River Restoration work, as well in maintenance throughout the plant. The surplus equipment procured through the auction process will help PVSC prepare for and recover from future extreme weather events.

Among the PVSC's latest acquisitions:

- A Caterpillar D7 Bulldozer;
- 2- Twenty yard triple axle M917 Dump Trucks;
- A steam pressure washer, one lot of safety goggles and various hand and power tools; and
- Aluminum maintenance platform, and tool boxes and cabinets.

The PVSC was also successful in acquiring spare parts and equipment that will be used for items previously procured in last year's auctions including two replacement transmissions for dump trucks and wrecker trucks, as well as spare parts for the 100kw generator, which will be used for auxiliary power supply within the plant.

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Last year, PVSC acquired two M923 cargo trucks, a "Unimog 419 SEE" (a multi-purpose vehicle capable of multiple off-road applications), a M916 tractor-truck and light equipment transporter; and three M936 tow wreckers, which are being used on the Passaic River for debris removal.

"We are extremely pleased and impressed by the vehicles and surplus equipment the PVSC has been able to procure and utilize through the U.S. Government Surplus Program," said PVSC's Executive Director Michael DeFrancisci. "The result has been adding valuable, high-quality equipment to our inventory, supplementing our capabilities here in Newark and throughout the service district while at the same time providing significant savings to our ratepayers."

"In an era where all of us are called upon to do more with fewer resources, PVSC is leading by example," stated Kenneth J. Lucianin, PVSC Commissioner. "This program has been invaluable in helping us realize important efficiencies, protect the taxpayers and help add to our capabilities."

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In order to protect and preserve local streams and rivers from water pollution, the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission operates one of the country's oldest and largest treatment plants for the wastewaters of northern New Jersey, serving over 1.4 million people in five counties.