

- MEMORANDUM -

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TO: Michael Rodriguez, GSA Property & Salvage (P&S) Manager
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FROM: Barbara Becker, Facility Development Manager

SUBJECT: **CBOs Have Purchasing Power**

The CBOs Have Purchasing Power Program was initiated in November 2005 to encourage County contracted community-based organizations (CBOs) to benefit from surplus County property at the County's Property & Salvage warehouse on the Fairmont Campus in San Leandro. The County's CBOs have 501c3 tax status and are nonprofit organizations.

Any CBO with a contract with an Alameda County Department can participate in this Program. The Program allows contracted CBOs to have surplus property at no cost. Under the direction of the P&S staff, the CBOs are responsible for removing and transporting appropriate surplus property. It is the sole discretion of P&S management to determine if P&S articles at the warehouse are appropriate for the CBOs.

Any CBO without a County contract, or any resident, can visit P&S during P&S business hours and pay "pennies on the dollar" for surplus property. The cost and availability of these items is determined by P&S management.

How does a CBO get a contract with the County? On the occasion that the General Services Agency (GSA), on behalf of a County Department, releases an RFP (request for proposal) to purchase a community service, any qualified CBO can respond to the RFP. RFPs are listed on the GSA homepage <https://acgov.org/gsa>; see *current contracting opportunities*.

Thank you for your interest in the CBOs Have Purchasing Power Program. If you have any questions, please contact the Program Administrator Barbara Becker at Barbara.becker@acgov.org.

