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General Assembly Building Surplus Sale Allows You to Own a Piece of Virginia History

~ Office furniture, electronics and more on sale July 11 ~

RICHMOND, VA – The Department of General Services (DGS) and the Virginia General Assembly today announced a unique opportunity for state agencies, schools, localities and the public to own a piece of Virginia history by purchasing surplus items from the General Assembly Building before it is demolished and replaced with a new facility. Items include everything from House Appropriations Committee room chairs and the Senate Finance Committee room dais, to office equipment and supplies, electronics and more.

The General Assembly moved to the Pocahontas Building this spring to allow for demolition of the General Assembly Building next year. While much of the furniture and other items were moved with the legislators and staff, items that were no longer needed will be made available for purchase at deep discounts.

Doors will open at 9 a.m. July 11 for state agencies, local governments and schools to browse and purchase items. The public can shop beginning at 11 a.m. The sale ends at 4 p.m., and all items must be removed from the General Assembly Building by 4 p.m. on July 13. In addition to the sale, the General Assembly is donating the auditorium-style seating in its four large committee rooms to Virginia schools.

“Virginia’s surplus property program helps government entities resale items they no longer need in order to promote reuse of the furniture, saving taxpayer dollars and keeping items out of landfills,” said **Floyd Coburn, Director of the Office of Surplus Property Management**. “The opportunity to offer items from a building that has played such a role in Virginia’s

government makes this event particularly remarkable for schools, agencies, localities and the public.”

In the Appropriations Act of 2017 (Title 30, Chapter 28), the General Assembly directed that any net proceeds from the sale be transferred into the Virginia Capitol Foundation to be used for restoration and ongoing preservation of Virginia’s Capitol and Capitol Square.

When state and federal entities no longer need items, the DGS Office of Surplus Property Management oversees the distribution to other public bodies, eligible nonprofit organizations and, in some cases, the general public. Usually, items are either brought to one of the surplus warehouses in Richmond or Wytheville or sold online. For this event, the Office of Surplus Property Management is working with the General Assembly to host an open house where those who are interested can shop on site.

Find out more about the surplus property program by visiting the DGS website at dgs.virginia.gov. Visit the General Assembly website at viriniageneralassembly.gov.

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