



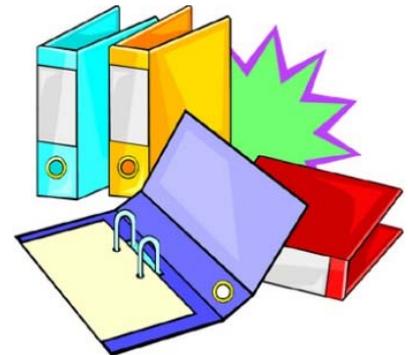
Cost-effective ways to fund solid waste management!

**Are you looking for heavy equipment to use at the landfill?
Do you need to save money on office supplies used to plan for backhaul?
Check out our bulletin on services provided by:**



What is GSA?

The US General Services Administration (GSA) was established by President Harry Truman, in 1949, to streamline the administrative work of the federal government. Several federal agencies and services were consolidated into one agency tasked with providing supplies, services and workplaces. GSA services are now also available for some non-federal recipients and surplus customers; i.e., local governments and federally recognized tribes sponsored by the Bureau of Indian Affairs qualify.



Services for Citizens, Local Governments and Tribal Governments

First, GSA provides direct access for public citizens to a wide range of government services, as well as consumer protection information through the official Web portals of the federal government: www.USA.gov . This site provides a one-stop source for information about federal government programs and services, and provides consumer information on money management, scams, federal benefits, identity theft, government auctions, health, housing, and jobs. Another useful website is "GSA: How We Help" at www.gsa.gov/portal/category/21023 (click on "State and Local Governments.") Some examples of services that local governments are eligible for through GSA include IT equipment and



mobile devices like computers and tablets, emergency response and disaster response equipment like for firefighting or facilities maintenance, data center equipment like routers and servers.

The wide spectrum of services that GSA provides for federally recognized tribes are similar to those provided for federal agencies. Again starting at www.gsa.gov/portal/category/21023, then click on "Native American Tribes." Also, see the GSA website specifically for tribes at www.gsa.gov/portal/category/100391.

Some services they provide to tribes include,

- reduced-priced office supplies with free shipping in Alaska,
- transferring to tribes surplus heavy equipment and vehicles from federal agencies who no longer need the equipment or have to upgrade,
- transferring surplus real property (land/buildings) to tribes (examples include a US Fish and Wildlife Service building and property at the Innoko National Wildlife Refuge in McGrath which was transferred to the local tribe in 2015, and a former BIA teachers quarter building in Nome which was transferred to the local tribe in 2013/2014),
- travel services, construction and design projects,
- environmental program guidance in regards to policy regulations and best management practices.



The website is full of interesting opportunities that could benefit your community! Have a look around and see the the wide range of possibilities.

When your tribe is ready to order materials or look into getting excess equipment, there is a great presentation that describes the process for tribes to access GSA services. It is called "GSA Solutions for Federally-Recognized Tribes" and can be viewed at:

<http://www.zendergroup.org/docs/gsa.pdf>. A tribe that wants to register must be listed on "Indian Entities Recognized and Eligible to Receive Services from the United State Bureau of Indian Affairs." Find the list in the section called "Overview Documents" when you go to following website <http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/OFA> for the BIA Office of Federal Acknowledgement. Next, contact the BIA Alaska Region Branch of Self-Determination, aka Contracts & Grants, below.





Contact:

BIA Alaska Region
Branch of Self-Determination
Toll-free at 1-800-645-8465, press 3, press 1

What about that Excess Property?

"GSAXcess" is the online customer interface to the Federal Disposal System which is a database of excess property that federal agencies have decided are no longer needed. It is a completely web-based system that eligible customers—tribes, local governments—can log into with their GSAXcess user ID and password, and then search and select available property. To receive a GSAXcess user ID and password to search, a local government or tribal government should contact the GSAXCESS Help Desk at their toll-free number, 1-866-333-7472, or by email at gsaxcesshelp@gsa.gov.



Then eligible entities can search GSA's inventory of available items through a process known as screening. In the same web-based system, you can request property for transfer by selecting specific items, such as furniture, heavy equipment, and even land and buildings.

Need help or more information?

If you are looking for more resources on solid waste management, like purchasing supplies or equipment, call or email Zender Environmental: 907-277-2111 or kkeit@zendergroup.org or ssebalo@zendergroup.org. For more solid waste resources see our Quick Guide to Solid Waste Resources http://zendergroup.org/docs/swm_resources.pdf or our funding resources at <http://www.zendergroup.org/funding.html> or search around on our A to Z Index at <http://zendergroup.org/viewdocs.htm>.

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