ASSET SALES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

1. This notice complies with the President's Management Agenda e-Gov initiative concerning the Federal Asset Sales (FAS) program. The FAS initiative creates a secure, efficient, and effective online e-marketplace that will serve as a single point for the public to search and buy federal assets. As a result of this federal initiative, VA will not be allowed to conduct local sales of personal property, with the exception of local scrap sales, recycling, or property declared for abandonment and destruction by the General Services Administration (GSA). Trade-in of old equipment for replacement equipment will continue to be allowed in accordance with VA Handbook 7346, Utilization and Disposal of Personal Property Pursuant to Exchange/Sale Authority.

2. The FAS initiative is intended to provide the public an online source for one-stop shopping of surplus federal assets. FAS will make it easier to advertise to citizens and businesses that try to locate assets for sale, and will improve usability of the FirstGov.gov Web site.

3. As there are only four designated sales centers (U.S. Treasury and U.S. Marshals Service for seized property, Department of Agriculture for local Washington, D.C. facilities, and GSA for all types of property across the country), VA will continue to use GSA as the center for sale of surplus and exchange/sale items. All reporting requirements will remain the same for VA facilities. Facilities will continue to use VA's Agency Asset Management System/GSAXcess® for reporting and disposing of property.

4. Questions may be directed to Mr. Freddie Martinez at 202-461-6982.

5. **RESCISSION**. This notice is rescinded July 31, 2008; however, the guidance contained within this notice will remain in effect until issued through a VA directive.

CERTIFIED BY: **BY DIRECTION OF THE SECRETARY**
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