



United States Marshals Service Sealed Bid Sale

The United States Marshals Service (USMS) Western District of Wisconsin is auctioning the trophies and awards collection (“trophies”) formerly owned by Rita Crundwell. The trophies are being sold pursuant to a *Final Order of Forfeiture* issued on September 23, 2015, by the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, Western Division in connection with a criminal action brought against Rita Crundwell. The collection includes approximately:

160 AQHA globe-like trophies	527 horse statue trophies
23 cup-shaped trophies	26 standard horse trophies
31 Wisconsin-shaped trophies	122 plaques
14 individual ribbons and 4 boxes of ribbons	1 box of misc. trophy parts

Property Location: The trophies are currently located in Rockford, Illinois. Specific address shall be provided upon the scheduling of an appointment to preview by those individuals interested in submitting a sealed bid for the trophies.

Viewing Date Time: BY APPOINTMENT ONLY on Monday, November 16, 2015 between 11:00 A.M. CST and 1:00 P.M. CST.

Please contact Vicki Gove, at 414-297-4486 or Vicki.Gove@usdoj.gov, to schedule an appointment for preview.

Bid Submission: All bids must be submitted via email to Vicki.Gove@usdoj.gov by 12:00 noon CST on Monday, November 30, 2015.

Bid Opening: All bids that are submitted by the deadline will be reviewed by close of business, Monday, November 30, 2015. The winning bidder will be notified via email by 3:00 P.M. CST on Tuesday, December 1, 2015.

The winning bidder must submit all funds by Cashier’s Check or by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Cashier’s Checks must be made payable to the U.S. Marshals Service. EFT information will be provided to the winning bidder. All funds must be submitted by 4 P.M. CST on Friday December 4, 2015.

Winning bidder shall remove all property from the storage site by Friday December 11, 2015.

The winning bidder is SOLELY RESPONSIBLE for removal of all items. Proper equipment and bidder personnel provided by the bidder will be required for loading and removal. No equipment or USMS personnel will be available onsite to load or move items. The winning bidder will need to bring their own equipment and moving personnel on the day of removal.

<u>BID SUBMITTED</u>

All items will be sold on an “AS IS, WHERE IS” basis. All property will be sold with no warranty or guarantee whatsoever. “AS IS” is a disclaimer of warranties or representations. “WHERE IS” denotes that the buyer takes the property as found and must remove it from the point of sale. The US Marshals Service reserves the right to pull any property from the sale at any time prior to the sale without notice. The USMS reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. In the event a bid is rejected, the item may be reoffered at a later date.

Condition of Assets: THE UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE OFFERS THESE ASSETS FOR SALE AS IS AND WITH NO REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES WHATSOEVER REGARDING THEIR NATURE, VALUE, SOURCE, AUTHENTICITY, AND/OR ANY OTHER ASPECT OR CHARACTERISTIC OF THESE ASSETS. NO STATEMENT ANYWHERE, WHETHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, SHALL BE DEEMED A WARRANTY OR REPRESENTATION BY THE UNITED STATES, AND/OR ANY OF ITS AGENCIES, AGENTS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND/OR ASSIGNS REGARDING THESE ASSETS. ANY AND ALL BUYERS MUST AGREE TO RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS THE UNITED STATES, ITS AGENCIES, AGENTS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND ASSIGNS, IN THEIR OFFICIAL AND INDIVIDUAL CAPACITIES, REGARDING ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS, RIGHTS, AND CAUSES OF ACTION, ARISING FROM, OR BY REASON OF, THE GOVERNMENT'S SEIZURE, FORFEITURE, OWNERSHIP, POSSESSION, MANAGEMENT, USE, SALE OR TRANSFER OF THESE ASSETS. The assets offered for sale by the USMS are either seized by and/or forfeited to the United States under federal forfeiture laws. All Buyers of these assets must understand that the United States, and/or its agencies, agents, officers, employees, and/or assigns (hereinafter referred to as "Seller") has acquired the subject property through seizure and/or forfeiture, and has little or no direct knowledge concerning the title, nature, value, source, authenticity and/or any other aspect or characteristics of these assets. THEREFORE, the Seller offers these assets for sale in "AS IS" CONDITION AT THE TIME OF SALE OR CLOSING, INCLUDING ANY HIDDEN

DEFECTS OF ANY NATURE, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, with no representations, warranties or guarantees whatsoever, express or implied, regarding their nature, value, source, authenticity, fitness, merchantability, and/or any other aspect or characteristic of these assets. No statement anywhere, whether express or implied, shall be deemed a warranty or representation by the Seller regarding these assets. All sales are with the understanding that the buyer cannot rely on any other representation, warranty or guaranty made by anyone. All information derived from third party sources, including but not limited to appraisals, is deemed reliable but not guaranteed. All buyers are deemed to have relied entirely on their own information, and judgments of the assets in making the decision to purchase the asset. In addition, all Buyers must agree to release and hold harmless the Seller from any and all demands, rights and causes of action, arising from, or to arise from, or by reason of, the Government's seizure, forfeiture, ownership, possession, management, use, sale and/or transfer of these assets.

WINNING BIDDER: The placement of a successful bid at a USMS auction establishes a legally binding contract between the successful bidder and the Government and is subject to acceptance by the Government. The winning bidder will receive an email confirmation.

Waiver, Informalities, Irregularities, and Rejection of Bids: The Government may, at its discretion, waive any minor informality or irregularity in bids received, and reject any and all bids or portions thereof.

Disclaimer: Pursuant to federal statutes and regulations, the United States Government shall not revert federally forfeited property to the defendant convicted of the violations giving rise to the forfeiture, or to any person acting in concert with, or on behalf of, the defendant. Further, the United States Government shall not revert federally forfeited property to any person whose criminal acts gave rise to a civil forfeiture of the property, or to anyone acting in concert with, or on behalf of, such a person.

Note to Bidders: The bidder (offeror) warrants that he/she is not delinquent in the payment of any debt due to the United States resulting from prior purchase of surplus property. In the event the Government determines afterward that the bidder has breached this warranty, the Government shall have the right to annul the contract without liability.

Prohibited Parties: In order to avoid a conflict of interest, or the appearance of a conflict of interest, the following classes of persons are prohibited from purchasing, either directly or indirectly, property forfeited to the United States: a) Any United States Department of Justice (USDOJ) employees prohibited by Federal regulations (5 C.F.R. § 3801.105) from purchasing or using property forfeited to the United States, or any member of his/her immediate family/household; b) Any employee of any federal, state or local Government agency, or members of his/her immediate family/household, that was involved in the investigation which led to the forfeiture of the property to be sold.

Government Employees not Benefiting: No employee of the United States Department of Justice shall be entitled to any share or part of the Contract of Sale or to any benefit that may arise there from.





