

# Yellowstone County

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Yellowstone County Board of Commissioners  
P.O. Box 35000  
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Re: Asset disposal agreement

Dear Commissioners:

Attached to this letter is an Asset Disposition Agreement, as well as an addendum, from a company called Propertyroom.com. This company works with law enforcement agencies around the country, taking on the task of disposing of assets / items once they are no longer needed for operations, as well as items released by the courts after cases are adjudicated. They also pick up and dispose of items such as found or seized property, which is something our evidence clerks currently do.

In this case, our clerks would work directly with propertyroom.com, who would pick up and dispose of the items, normally in an auction format, and retain a percentage of the proceeds. Currently, our clerks deliver the items to be disposed of to local auction houses, where they also retain a percentage of the proceeds. Contracting with propertyroom.com would reduce the amount of time and effort our clerks put in to organizing and disposing of these items. And it does not cost the county anything to participate. Both the company and the county receive revenue based on what an item sells for.

This agreement has been reviewed by Melissa in the CA's Office, and we have received her blessing to proceed.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Linder".

Sheriff Mike Linder

Commissioners Approval:

Chair Mark Morse \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner Michael J Waters \_\_\_\_\_

This Asset Disposition Services Agreement ("Agreement") is made by and between PropertyRoom.com, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Contractor") and \_\_\_\_\_ ("Owner"). The Agreement is effective upon Owner's signature date ("Effective Date").

**Whereas** Contractor's business involves surplus asset management, selling, auction, disposition and related services ("Services"); and

**Whereas** Contractor desires to provide Services to Owner and Owner desires Contractor to provide Services subject to this Agreement.

**Now therefore**, in consideration of premises above and mutual covenants and agreements set forth herein, Contractor and Owner agree as follows.

Any other municipal, county, or state government agency located within the same state as Owner may also procure Services under this Agreement under the same terms and conditions stated in this Agreement by executing an adoption agreement with Contractor based upon this Agreement.

1. **Items Requiring Services.** Owner will identify items ("Assets") it desires to provide to Contractor for Services. Contractor retains the right to accept or reject certain Assets in its sole discretion.
2. **Title to Assets.** Owner shall retain, at all times, legal title to Assets unless and until Assets are purchased or otherwise disposed of according to the Agreement, at which time Owner will be deemed to have transferred title directly to an Asset purchaser or other acquirer ("Buyer") identified by Contractor. Owner appoints Contractor as its representative and instrumentality to hold and offer Assets for sale, on Owner's behalf, in accordance with the Agreement. Owner appoints Contractor as its attorney-in-fact to sign any and all documents necessary to assign to Buyers all of Owner's rights, title and interest in and to Assets sold or disposed. Cash receipts, accounts receivable, contract rights, notes, general intangibles, and other rights to payment of any kind arising out of Asset sales ("Proceeds") belong to Owner. Contractor may withhold from Proceeds amounts owed to Contractor and any third parties in connection with Services, which amounts shall be disbursed by Contractor on Owner's behalf. Contractor will remit remaining balances to Owner ("Owner Net Proceeds").

### 3. Term and Termination

This Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and shall continue for an initial term of one (1) year from the Effective Date and thereafter will automatically renew for consecutive one (1) year terms unless written

notice of non-renewal is provided by either party to the other at least sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of the then current term.

- a. Either Owner or Contractor (the "Party" or "Parties") may terminate the Agreement upon thirty (30) days prior notice to the other Party.
  - b. The rights of the Parties to terminate the Agreement are not exclusive of any other rights and remedies available at law or in equity, and such rights will be cumulative. Exercising any such right or remedy will not preclude exercising these or any other rights and remedies.
  - c. Upon any termination or expiration, Contractor may continue to provide Services for any unsold Assets then in the possession of Contractor. Alternatively, Owner may, at Owner's expense, arrange for the return of Owner Assets.
4. **Payment for Services**
- a. **Fees.** Fees for Contractor Services appear in signed addendums to this Agreement.
  - b. **Remittance of Proceeds.** Once a month, Contractor will remit Owner Net Proceeds from sales completed the prior month. Sales are deemed completed when all items from an asset list line-item are sold, paid for and shipped. Contractor may defer payment of any amount less than \$250 until such time as the amount owed Owner equals or exceeds \$250.
  - c. **Invoices.** If monthly Proceeds do not cover amounts owed, Contractor and Owner will mutually agree for Contractor to either:
    - (1) Invoice Owner for Services, net of Proceeds collected, or
    - (2) Accrue and carry-over unpaid balances, invoicing Owner when negative balances persist for six (6) consecutive months.
  - d. **Reporting.** Each month, Contractor will publish a standard online report containing information related to Owner Assets, Services provided, Fees and Owner Net Proceeds.
5. **Contractor Obligations.** Contractor may utilize subcontractors in its performance of Services, provided Contractor shall be responsible for any breach of this Agreement by such subcontractors. With respect to delivering Services:
- a. Contractor shall maintain insurance covering Assets against fire, theft, and extended coverage risks ordinarily included in similar policies.
  - b. For auction Services, Contractor will use organic marketing techniques ("OMT") to increase bidding on Owner Assets. OMT may include, but not be limited to, email, publicity related to this Agreement, and facilitation of

clickable links on Owner website(s) to websites used by Contractor for Asset sales.

**6. Asset Lists**

- a. **Manifest & Asset Lists.** Owner will complete paperwork reasonably necessary to convey custodial possession of Assets to Contractor, such as written manifests or Asset lists (the "Asset Lists") describing items in sufficient detail for proper identification. Contractor owns exclusive rights to sell Assets described in Asset Lists provided by Owner for a period of 120 days from the date Owner releases an Asset to Contractor for sale and Owner will not grant any such rights to any third party (or itself sell the applicable Assets).
- b. **Excluded Assets.** Owner agrees it will not knowingly provide illegal or hazardous Assets or Assets that infringe intellectual property rights of any third party ("Excluded Assets"). In the event Contractor identifies any item as an Excluded Asset, Contractor shall have the right to suspend, cancel, or unwind any sale or disposal of such Excluded Asset.

**7. Salability of Assets.**

- a. Owner states Assets subject to Services are legally available for sale to the general public; and
- b. If required, Owner has taken necessary actions for transfer of Asset title(s) to Buyers.

**8. Books and Records.** Contractor will keep complete and accurate books of account, records, and other documents with respect to the Agreement ("Books and Records") for at least 3 years following Agreement expiration or termination. Upon reasonable notice, Books and Records will be available for inspection by Owner, at Owner's expense, at the location where Books and Records are regularly maintained, during Contractor's normal business hours.

**9. Assignment.** This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties named herein and their respective successors and assigns. Neither Party may assign any of its obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Party, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed, provided that Contractor may assign this Agreement without such consent to a successor in interest by way of a merger, consolidation, or sale of all or substantially all of Contractor's assets.

**10. Notices.** Any notice or other communication given under the Agreement will be in writing and delivered by hand, sent by facsimile (provided

acknowledgment of receipt thereof is delivered to the sender), sent by certified, registered mail or sent by any nationally recognized overnight courier service to the addresses provided in the Owner information section. Notices sent by registered mail or national overnight carrier shall be effective upon delivery. The Parties may, from time to time and at any time, change their respective addresses and each will have the right to specify as its address any other address by written notice to the other Party. A change of address will take effect upon receipt of notice unless a later date is otherwise specified.

**11. Interpretation.** Whenever possible, each provision of the Agreement will be interpreted in such a manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any provision of the Agreement is held to be prohibited by or invalid under applicable law, such provision will be ineffective only to the extent of such prohibition or invalidity, without invalidating the remainder of such provision or the remaining provisions of the Agreement. The Agreement headings are inserted for convenience of reference only and shall not constitute a part hereof.

**12. Governing Law.** The internal law, and not the law of conflicts, of the state in which Owner is located will govern all questions concerning construction, validity and interpretation of the Agreement and the performance of the obligations imposed by the Agreement. The proper venue for any proceeding at law or in equity will be the state and county in which the Owner is located, and the Parties waive any right to object to the venue.

**13. Further Assurances.** Contractor and Owner will each sign such other documents and take such actions as the other may reasonably request in order to effect the relationships, Services and activities contemplated by the Agreement and to account for and document those activities.

**14. Relationship of the Parties.** No representations or assertions will be made or actions taken by either Party that could imply or establish any joint venture, partnership, employment or trust relationship between the Parties with respect to the subject matter of the Agreement. Except as expressly provided in the Agreement, neither Party will have any authority or power whatsoever to enter into any agreement, contract or commitment on behalf of the other, or to create any liability or obligation whatsoever on behalf of the other, to any person or entity.

### Asset Disposition Services Agreement

15. **Force Majeure.** Neither Party will be liable for any failure of or delay in performance of the Agreement for the period that such failure or delay is due to acts of God, public enemy, war, strikes or labor disputes, or any other cause beyond the Parties' reasonable control (each a "Force Majeure"), it being understood that lack of financial resources

will not to be deemed a cause beyond a Party's control. Each Party will notify the other Party promptly of any Force Majeure occurrence and carry out the Agreement as promptly as practicable after such Force Majeure is terminated. The existence of any Force Majeure will not extend the term of the Agreement.

This Agreement, together with one or more signed addendums attached hereto, comprises the entire agreement between Contractor and Owner relating to Services and supersedes any prior understandings, agreements, or representations by or between the parties, whether written or oral.

<u>OWNER</u>	
Signature	_____
Name	_____
Title	_____
Date	_____

<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	
Signature	_____
Name	_____
Title	_____
Date	_____

#### OWNER INFORMATION & AGREEMENT OPTIONS SELECTED

Owner Name:	Account #:
Street Address:	Cooperative Purchasing Agreement? Sourcewell <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Member #: _____
City, State/Province, Postal Code, Country:	Resolution of Unpaid Monthly Service Fees: Balance carry-over <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly Invoice <input type="checkbox"/>
Telephone:	Fax:
Primary Contact: Name _____ Work _____ Mobile _____ Email _____	Secondary Contact: Name _____ Work _____ Mobile _____ Email _____

1. This addendum ("Addendum") is attached to and made part of the Asset Disposition Services Agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_ ("Agreement") between Contractor and Owner. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of the Agreement, this Addendum and any prior agreement or Agreement addendum, this Addendum will govern.
2. **Definitions.**
  - a. **Winning Bid.** "Winning Bid" means the highest amount committed and paid by a Buyer of a sold Asset. Winning Bid does not include shipping & handling, buyer premiums, or other fees, if any, nor does Winning Bid include an amount a Buyer commits but fails to pay.
  - b. **Sales Price.** "Sales Price" equals the Winning Bid plus shipping & handling, shipping insurance and sales tax paid by a Buyer.
  - c. **Payment Processing Costs.** Payment processing costs equal 3% of Sales Price ("PP Costs").
  - d. **Success Fee.** For sold Assets, Owner will pay Contractor a Services fee equal to a percent of profits or Winning Bids as specified below ("Success Fee").
  - e. **Buyer Premiums.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, Contractor may collect a Winning Bid percent fee from a Buyer, typically referred to as a "Buyer's Premium".
3. **Services Offered.** Contractor provides a suite of Services referenced herein. Upon mutual agreement of Owner and Contractor, Contractor may provide all or any combination of Services. Contractor will use commercially reasonable efforts to deliver Services.
  - a. **Portables Auction Service ("Portables").** Applying to Assets small enough for pick-up by Contractor via box truck or common carrier shipment, excluding firearms, Contractor will transport, test and/or authenticate (if applicable and practicable), erase or destroy memory media (in the case of electronics), image, store, list and sell Assets via public internet auction on one or more Contractor selected websites. Owner will pay Contractor a Success Fee as described below.
    - (1) **Asset Success Fee.** For Portable Assets, Success Fee equals 50% for the first \$1,000 of a Winning Bid amount and 25% of Winning Bid amount, if any, over \$1,000.
    - (2) **Net Proceeds.** For each Portables Asset, Owner Net Proceeds equals Winning Bid less Success Fee less PP Costs.
    - (3) **Fuel Surcharge.** If quarterly retail diesel prices, as published by the U.S. Energy Information Administration, rise above the level shown in the table below, a fuel surcharge ("Fuel Surcharge") will be deducted from Owner Net Proceeds for each Portable Manifest picked up at Owner's location.

Retail Diesel (per gal)	Fuel Surcharge
< \$ 2.50	\$ 0.00
\$ 2.50 to \$ 2.99	\$ 12.40
\$ 3.00 to \$ 3.49	\$ 24.80
\$ 3.50 to \$ 3.99	\$ 37.20*

\* Table continues at same rate of \$12.40 increments per \$0.50 per gal change in Retail Diesel.

- (4) **Shipping Fee.** If assets are transported via common carrier and not picked up by Contractor, the shipping fee will be deducted from Owner Net Proceeds.
- b. **Firearms Auction Service.** This service is restricted to Owner firearm assets ("Firearm Assets") legally available for public sale in the United States. Contractor is compliant with ATF, Title 18, U.S. Code Ch. 44 and NFA (26 U.S.C., Ch. 53), as well as applicable state and local laws. Contractor may work with one or more subcontractors ("Subcontractor") for storage and processing of Firearm Assets.
 

Contractor will deliver Firearm Assets disposition services beginning with the collection and transport of Firearm Assets to a Federal Firearms Licensee ("FFL") holder ("Recipient FFL" or "Partner FFL"). Subsequently, Contractor and Recipient FFL will store, catalog, image, list for public internet auction, process purchaser payment and ship Firearms Assets to another FFL holder ("Transferee FFL") that will administer final physical transfer to purchaser ("Buyer") in compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws. Owner will pay Contractor a Success Fee as described below.

  - (1) **Success Fee.** For Firearm Assets, Success Fee equals 50% for the first \$1,000 of a Winning Bid amount and 25% of Winning Bid amount, if any, over \$1,000.
  - (2) **Net Proceeds.** For each Firearm Asset, Owner Net Proceeds equals Winning Bid less Success Fee less PP Costs.

- c. **In Place Auction Service ("In Place").** Applying to Assets that Owner and Contractor mutually agree to auction in place, Contractor will sell In Place Assets via public internet auction on one or more Contractor selected websites using descriptions and digital images supplied by Owner. Owner will maintain physical control of In Place Assets and transfer possession to Buyers after sale. Owner will pay Contractor a Success Fee as described below.
- (1) **Success Fee.** For each In Place Asset, Success Fee equals 2.5% of Winning Bid.
- (2) **Net Proceeds.** For each In Place Asset sold at auction, Winning Bid less Success Fee less PP Costs equals Owner Net Proceeds.
- d. **Haul Away Auction Service ("Haul Away").** Applying to fleet vehicles and equipment, Contractor will tow Assets to, or take delivery at, Yards. Contractor will store, image, describe, list and sell Haul Away Assets via public internet auction on one or more Contractor selected websites. Contractor may work with one or more subcontractors ("Subcontractor") for storage and processing of Assets at Yards. Owner will pay Contractor a Success Fee as well as other fees as specified below.
- (1) **Success Fee.** For each Haul Away Asset, Success Fee equals 12.5% of Winning Bid.
- (2) **Tow & Miscellaneous Fees.** Tow and Miscellaneous Service Fees are indicated in fee schedule below that specifies tow processes and related fees for Owner-specific needs ("Tow & Miscellaneous Fee Schedule"). The Tow & Miscellaneous Fee Schedule will distinguish between Assets that can be hauled away on a standard vehicle transporter (such as automobiles and light trucks) from over-sized Assets (e.g., cranes, buses, backhoes).

Haul Away Auction Service – Tow and Miscellaneous Fee Schedule			
Fee Type	Fee Description	Rate Description	Rate Per Asset
Light Tow	Light duty vehicles up to 11,000 GVWR	Per vehicle towed	First 30 miles free. \$10 for every 10 miles over the 1st 30 free miles
Medium Tow	Medium duty vehicles 11,001 - 33,000 GVWR and oversized vehicles such as an F-350 w/ dual wheels, etc.)	Per vehicle towed	Billed at cost by subcontractor - see standard schedule
Heavy Tow	Heavy duty vehicles 33,001+ GVWR	Per vehicle towed	Billed at cost by subcontractor - see standard schedule
Re-list / Re-run	Fee for re-listing asset more than three (3) times due to any type of owner imposed bidding restriction	Per re-list of asset on 4 <sup>th</sup> or subsequent attempt	\$35 / re-list
Storage - light & medium duty	Storage for assets stored for any reason other than awaiting auction	Per day over 30 days after pickup date	\$3 / day
Storage - heavy duty	Storage for assets stored for any reason other than awaiting auction	Per day over 30 days after pickup date	\$5 / day
De-identification	De-identifying assets	Charged in 15 minute increments for the labor to de-identify	\$20 / quarter hour
Decal Removal	Removal of a decal	Charged in 15 minute increments for the labor to perform decal removal	\$20 / quarter hour; \$45 minimum charge per vehicle (\$45 maximum charge per vehicle for Light Duty Vehicles)

- (3) **Net Proceeds.** For each Haul Away Asset, Winning Bid less the sum of Success Fee, Tow & Miscellaneous Fees, and PP Costs equals Owner Net Proceeds.
- e. **Impound Storage & Auction Service ("Impound").** Applying to citizen vehicles seized and or impounded by Owner, Contractor will receive tows of Impound Assets at tow yard facilities ("Yards"), storing Assets while Owner decides whether to release to a citizen or auction. For release-to-citizen vehicles ("Released Vehicles"), Contractor will process and collect fees from citizens. For auctioned vehicles, Contractor will store, image, describe and sell Impound Assets via public internet auction on one or more Contractor selected websites. Contractor may work with one or more sub-contractors ("Subcontractor") for storage and processing of Assets at Yards. Owner will pay Contractor a Success Fee as well as other fees as specified below.

- (1) **Success Fee.** For each Impound Asset sold at auction, Success Fee equals 12.5% of the Winning Bid.
- (2) **Tow & Miscellaneous Fees.** Tow and Miscellaneous Service Fees are indicated in fee schedule below that specifies tow processes and related fees for Owner-specific needs ("Tow & Miscellaneous Fee Schedule"). The Tow & Miscellaneous Fee Schedule will distinguish between Assets that can be hauled-away on a standard vehicle transporter (such as automobiles and light trucks) from over-sized Assets (e.g., cranes, buses, backhoes).
- (3) **Storage Fees.** Impound storage fees are indicated in the fee schedule below. Owner retains rights to charge citizens higher storage fees for Released Vehicles and Contractor will collect those storage fees along with other citizen fees set by Owner, such as tow charges, administrative charges, court processing fees, etc. ("Citizen Payments"). In the event that Assets are stored for an extended period of time without being released by Owner for auction, Owner agrees to reimburse Contractor for such storage fees in a manner to be mutually agreed upon.

Impound Storage & Auction Service – Tow and Miscellaneous Fee Schedule			
Fee Type	Fee Description	Rate Description	Rate Per Asset
<i>Light Tow</i>	Light duty vehicles up to 11,000 GVWR	Per vehicle towed	Billed at cost by subcontractor - see standard schedule
<i>Medium Tow</i>	Medium duty vehicles 11,001 - 33,000 GVWR and oversized vehicles such as an F-350 w/ dual wheels, etc.)	Per vehicle towed	Billed at cost by subcontractor - see standard schedule
<i>Heavy Tow</i>	Heavy duty vehicles 33,001+ GVWR	Per vehicle towed	Billed at cost by subcontractor - see standard schedule
<i>Re-list / Re-run</i>	Fee for re-listing asset more than three (3) times due to any type of owner imposed bidding restriction	Per re-list of asset on 4 <sup>th</sup> or subsequent attempt	\$35 / re-list
<i>Owner Storage Fees</i>	Daily storage for assets stored and awaiting auction	Per day	\$8 / day
<i>Citizen Storage Fees</i>	Daily storage for release vehicles	Per day	\$15 / day
<i>De-identification</i>	De-identifying assets	Charged in 15 minute increments for the labor to de-identify	\$20 / quarter hour
<i>Decal Removal</i>	Removal of a decal	Charged in 15 minute increments for the labor to perform decal removal	\$20 / quarter hour; \$45 minimum charge per vehicle (\$45 maximum charge per vehicle for Light Duty Vehicles)

- (4) **Net Proceeds.** For each Impound Asset, the sum of Winning Bid and Citizen Payments less the sum of Success Fee, Tow & Miscellaneous Fees, Owner/Citizen Storage Fees and PP Costs equals Owner Net Proceeds.
4. **Modifications.** Contractor may, from time to time, modify Standard Fees & Services. To effect a fee change, Contractor will provide Owner advance written notice which will include an update to this Addendum.

<u>OWNER</u>	
Signature	_____
Name	_____
Title	_____
Date	_____

<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	
Signature	_____
Name	_____
Title	_____
Date	_____

**PROPERTYROOM.COM**  
**NEW ACCOUNT SET-UP**



After receiving the signed agreement, we will provide you with a user name and password for access to our Agency Web online reporting system. This will allow you to track status of all assets you give to us to sell from the time of listing to the sale and collection of the funds and remittance of the funds to your account (and will allow you historical data 24/7/365.). Please answer the following questions so that we can get your new account established in our system.

1. *Check payable to* information and the address where checks are to be mailed.


2. Main pick-up location for assets. (If more than one location, please specify)


3. Main contact's name, title, phone number, fax number, and email address. The main contact will (a) receive a Welcome Call from our Client Services Department; (b) receive mailed bar codes; (c) be contacted every thirty (30) days for scheduling pickups; and (d) have primary access to the Agency Web system for tracking and auditing.




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4. Name, title, phone number, and email address of any additional department personnel requiring access to our Agency Web reporting system.


5. Name, email address, and phone number of the person responsible for the department's website so our IT team can coordinate with adding a notice to the public link on your website.


6. Two possible dates and times for you and/or your main contact(s) to receive a Welcome Call from our Client Services Manager. We will then confirm the date and time as soon as we get internal confirmation from our Client Services Manager. Upon call meeting time, we will send you a free dial-in conference call phone number and access code.


7. Name, telephone, and email address of the person responsible for media relations in your department to work with our Marketing Department regarding any media inquiries.
