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State Agencies for Surplus Property (SASP) - SASPs are state-run organizations that administer the federal program for the donation of federal surplus property to public, tax-supported entities and eligible private nonprofit tax-exempt organizations.

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# What our clients say...



## PERSONAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT DIVISION



### GSA Provides Texas Hurricane Harvey Relief

**Challenge:** Hurricane Harvey was the first major hurricane to make landfall along the middle Texas coast since 1970, and the first category 4 hurricane to make landfall along the TX coast since 1961. The storm moved inland and stalled after making landfall on August 25, 2017. One week precipitation totals exceeded forty inches in portions of southeast Texas. The storm caused \$4.585 billion in lost property. The President issued a Federal Disaster Declaration on August 25, 2017.

**Action:** General Services Administration (GSA) develops and promotes personal property management policies and regulations for the effective and efficient stewardship of federal personal property assets. Policies and regulations require excess personal property to be offered to other Federal Agencies and State Agencies for Surplus Property (SASP) before it is offered to the public for sale. The SASP is a state-run organization that coordinates with the federal program for the donation of federal surplus property to public tax-supported entities, eligible non-profit tax-exempt organizations, veteran service organizations, and SBA 8(a) businesses.

GSA's Personal Property Management Division contacted the Texas State Agency for Surplus Property (SASP) to identify the types of property the SASP would need in support of the Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts. Because of the Presidentially declared disaster, all requests from the SASP to support the disaster recovery were given precedence.

**Solution:** GSA operates [GSAXcess](#) which is the online entry site for the Federal Excess Personal Property Utilization Program and the Federal Surplus Personal Property Donation Program. Federal Agencies can report excess personal property for transfer by GSA to other Federal and SASPs as well as search for and obtain excess personal property.

GSAXcess was updated to reflect the disaster declaration. This update allowed the TX SASP to label the property needed in direct support of the disaster. GSA uses the label to make property allocation decisions.

**Result:** GSA's Personal Property Utilization and Donation team continues to work closely with the TX SASP and has been able to locate and donate critical property to the relief efforts. The donated property includes cargo trucks, forklifts, generators, beds, blankets, and other life saving supplies. Texas SASP warehouses in Austin, San Antonio and Fort Worth received large amounts of vital supplies for the recovery efforts. At this time, the value of the property that has been donated to TX SASP for relief efforts is more than \$21 million. These donations save taxpayer dollars by preventing new equipment and supplies from being purchased when federal surplus property is available to be donated.

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