

Protecting Our Water Environment

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago has joined Illinois on-line auction program

*Metropolitan Water Reclamation District & Central Management Services partner up to sell surplus via an online iBid auction.
(<http://ibid.illinois.gov>)*

CHICAGO – To further maximize value for the taxpayer, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (District) will now sell its surplus property via the State of Illinois online auction program iBid. An equivalent of eBay™, the innovative website introduced in 2003 has sold more than 8,900 items to thousands of successful bidders throughout Illinois, the country and around the world, generating \$1.7 million in on-line sales for the state. In aligning with the state program, the District hopes to maximize revenue on materials that otherwise would have been scrapped or donated. With hundreds of commodities and consumables being listed for sale, including generators, motors, pumps, phones, electronics, lighting, plumbing & HVAC supplies, and many like items, avid bidders and buyers of property sold over the Internet are sure to be pleased.

Barbara J. McGowan, Commissioner of the District, Chairman of the Purchasing Committee, said, "I salute the staff in continuing the District mission of protecting the environment and our taxpayers in utilizing iBid. This program leverages District surplus supplies into a recycling and reuse status and improves revenue at the same time. We are excited to be onboard, and look forward to being part of iBid's continued success."

The District will begin posting its items on iBid during the first weeks of August. Items will be sold on an "AS IS" basis, all sales would be final, and each prospective bidder would be responsible for conducting his or her own independent investigations, inquiries, and due diligence concerning the property. Listed items can be viewed, by appointment, and at specified times, at the Stickney Plant (6001 Pershing Road Cicero, IL 60804). Credit card is the only accepted means of payment (most major credit cards will be accepted). Additionally, the buyer would be responsible to either pick up their items, during specified times, within ten days of purchase, or arrange for a shipper to do so.

About the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

The District was originally organized as the Sanitary District of Chicago in 1889 under an act of the Illinois General Assembly. The District reversed the flow of the Chicago and Calumet River systems to divert contaminated water from Lake Michigan so it could be diluted as it flowed downstream into the Mississippi River. Subsequently, the District built collection treatment facilities to treat sewage in an environmentally effective manner.

The District operates primarily within the boundaries of Cook County. Although the District exercises no direct control over wastewater collection and transmission systems maintained by cities, towns, and villages in Cook County, it does control municipal sewer construction by permits in suburban Cook County. Furthermore, the District provides the main sewer lines for the collection of wastewater from local sewer systems together with the treatment and disposal thereof. Combined sewage and stormwater runoff is stored, treated, and released using District facilities. The District owns and operates seven water reclamation plants (WRP) and 23 pumping stations that treat an average of 1.5 billion gallons of wastewater each day. The Central (Stickney) WRP is the largest plant in the world. The District controls approximately 76 miles of navigable waterways that serve as headwaters of the Illinois waterway system. Stringent federal and state standards require that the District's wastewater treatment processes keep the waterways free of pollution. The District monitors industries in Cook County to assure that hazardous substances not suitable for a sewer are disposed of in an environmentally responsible way that complies with applicable laws.

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