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**GSAXcess** is a web-enabled platform that authorized customers can use to report, search, and select personal property.

# What our clients say...





## PERSONAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

## **Disaster Relief for Flooding in Louisiana**

**Challenge:** In August 2016, southeastern Louisiana was struck by historic rainfall, and the President issued a Federal Disaster Declaration. Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards called the disaster a "historic, unprecedented flooding event". With 20 inches of rain, the flooding destroyed \$10 to \$15 billion of property, and more than 20,000 people were rescued.

Action: General Services Administration's (GSA) Region 4 Federal Acquisition Service (FAS) Personal Property Management Division contacted the Louisiana State Agency for Surplus Property (SASP) to identify the types of property the SASP would need in support of the recovery efforts. The SASP is a state-run organization that coordinates with the federal program for the donation of federal surplus property to public taxsupported entities, eligible non-nonprofit tax-exempt organizations, veteran service organizations, and SBA 8(a) businesses. Because of the Presidentially declared disaster, all requests from the LA SASP to support the disaster recovery would be given precedence.

**Solution:** GSAXcess is the web-enabled platform that federal and state customers use to report, search, and select property. GSAXcess was updated to reflect the disaster declaration. This update allowed the LA SASP to label the property needed in direct support of the disaster. GSA then uses the label to make property allocation decisions.

**Result:** The GSA located and allocated surplus property to the LA SASP. The property included critical medical supplies and thousands of blankets, chairs, tables, cots, air mattresses, tarps, flashlights as well as a tractor, cargo and tank trucks. The GSA donated property valued at approximately \$1.5 million to the Louisiana SASP. These donations saved taxpayer dollars by preventing new equipment and supplies from being purchased when federal surplus property was available to be donated.

### **Reference:**

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