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Chapter 13: Public Purchases and Property
Article 6: Sale of Public Property, 13-6-1 through 13-6-8
Section 13-6-2: Sale of property by state agencies or local public bodies; authority to sell or dispose of property; approval of appropriate approval authority.

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13-6-2. Sale of property by state agencies or local public bodies; authority to sell or dispose of property; approval of appropriate approval authority.

A. Providing a written determination has been made, a state agency, local public body, school district or state educational institution may sell or otherwise dispose of real or tangible personal property belonging to the state agency, local public body, school district or state educational institution.

B. A state agency, local public body, school district or state educational institution may sell or otherwise dispose of real property:

- (1) by negotiated sale or donation to an Indian nation, tribe or pueblo located wholly or partially in New Mexico, or to a governmental unit of an Indian nation, tribe or pueblo in New Mexico, that is authorized to purchase land and control activities on its land by an act of congress or to purchase land on behalf of the Indian nation, tribe or pueblo;
- (2) by negotiated sale or donation to other state agencies, local public bodies, school districts or state educational institutions;
- (3) through the central purchasing office of the state agency, local public body, school district or state educational institution by means of competitive sealed bid, public auction or negotiated sale to a private person or to an Indian nation, tribe or pueblo in New Mexico; or
- (4) if a state agency, through the surplus property bureau of the transportation services division of the general services department.
- C. A state agency shall give the surplus property bureau of the transportation services division of the general services department the right of first refusal to dispose of tangible personal property of the state agency. A school district may give the surplus property bureau the right of first refusal to dispose of tangible personal property of the school district.
- D. Except as provided in Section 13-6-2.1 NMSA 1978 requiring state board of finance approval for certain transactions, sale or disposition of real or tangible personal property having a current resale value of more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) may be made by a state agency, local public body, school district or state educational institution if the sale or disposition has been approved by the state budget division of the department of finance and administration for state agencies, the local government division of the department of finance and administration for local public bodies, the public education department for school districts and the higher education department for state educational institutions.
- E. Prior approval of the appropriate approval authority is not required if the tangible personal property is to be used as a trade-in or exchange pursuant to the provisions of the Procurement Code [13-1-28 NMSA 1978].
- F. The appropriate approval authority may condition the approval of the sale or other disposition of real or tangible personal property upon the property being offered for sale or donation to a state agency, local public body, school district or state educational institution.

- G. The appropriate approval authority may credit a payment received from the sale of such real or tangible personal property to the governmental body making the sale. The state agency, local public body, school district or state educational institution may convey all or any interest in the real or tangible personal property without warranty.
- H. This section does not apply to:
- (1) computer software of a state agency;
- (2) those institutions specifically enumerated in Article 12, Section 11 of the constitution of New Mexico;
- (3) the New Mexico state police division of the department of public safety;
- (4) the state land office or the department of transportation;
- (5) property acquired by a museum through abandonment procedures pursuant to the Abandoned Cultural Properties Act [18-10-1 NMSA 1978];
- (6) leases of county hospitals with any person pursuant to the Hospital Funding Act [4-48B-1 NMSA 1978];
- (7) property acquired by the economic development department pursuant to the Statewide Economic Development Finance Act [6-25-1 NMSA 1978]; and
- (8) the state parks division of the energy, minerals and natural resources department.

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