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## **DAS Completes Surplus Land Sales for 2023**

**Lincoln** – On December 14<sup>th</sup>, Nebraska State government completed the sale of three surplus properties in the Columbus area.

Among the properties were:

- the property at 1059 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue - appraised for \$14,500 and sold for \$25,600,
- the property at 1061 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue - appraised for \$2,900 and sold for \$4,050,
- the property at 960 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue - appraised for \$31,000 and sold for \$51,100.

These parcels total half an acre that were former Superfund sites. The EPA certified that the properties were cleaned up before the State took possession of them, and they now will return to productive use benefitting the taxpayers of Columbus. The properties were among 13 total parcels DAS sold throughout the state for \$1,183,753 in 2023. This included 160.26 total acres of surplus land and three buildings with 31,647 total square feet.

The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) is responsible for conducting surplus land sales on behalf of State government. DAS is committed to returning surplus, unused state government land and property to the taxpaying public to ensure it remains in productive use and conducts surplus land sales throughout the year. Proceeds of the sales are remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Vacant Building and Excess Land Cash Fund.

DAS Director Jason Jackson stated, “Government shouldn’t own any more land than it needs. I am pleased that DAS is able to benefit taxpayers by selling these properties. Not only does money from the sale go to the State’s coffers, but now the State won’t spend taxpayer money maintaining this property.”

State Building Division Administrator Brent Flachsbart added “In addition to returning property to taxpayers, the sale of these properties reduces the insurance liability and maintenance upkeep costs for the State and taxpayer.”

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