



Airport to hold public auction on Aug. 4

Thousands of items from High School Road terminal to be sold

INDIANAPOLIS—What will the Indianapolis Airport Authority (IAA) do with all the surplus items resulting from closing the former Indianapolis International Airport (IND)? Sell them to the highest bidders!

IAA will hold a public auction at the old airport, located just off Sam Jones Expressway & I-465 at 2500 S. High School Road, on Tuesday, August 4 at 10 a.m.

But before an auctioneer can declare any item as “Going, going, GONE!” a great deal of behind-the-scenes preparation is taking place, said Gary Gibson, senior director of administration for the airport authority.

Gibson has been overseeing IAA’s 13-member property disposition team—charged with identifying what items could be reused, what items needed to be discarded, and what items could be auctioned—since late January.

“In addition to compiling a detailed inventory, we’ve been working closely with our business partners, including the airlines, TSA, and concessionaires, to ensure all of their property has either been transported to the new airport or returned to them.”

The disposition team was also responsible for interviewing and selecting an auctioneer. After reviewing proposals, Indianapolis-based Commercial Liquidators of America (CLA), was selected to manage a sealed bid, negotiated sale, and public auction on IAA’s behalf.

“Commercial Liquidators has 20 years of experience in selling high-valued assets at auction, so we felt they best understood the inherent value of the items and they have the ability to secure the best prices,” added Gibson.

Proceeds will be used to offset projected airport revenue shortfalls, capital projects already on the books, and/or for purposes stipulated by original funding sources. **The old passenger terminal, parking garage and lots, and other airport property on High School Road will NOT be included in the August 4 public auction.**

Sale of industry-specific items has already begun

Some airport-specific items, including the old jet bridges used on the tarmac at High School Road, are expected to sell through a sealed bid process.

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Stair sets, aircraft maintenance tools and supplies, seating, service counters, luggage conveyors, and other items, however, will be marketed by CLA to specific airports and airport service providers through a sealed bid process.

Salvageable building infrastructure from the old terminal's concourses and food court, such as light fixtures, phone booth enclosures, bathroom fixtures, restaurant equipment, and other items that are wall-mounted and can be easily removed may be sold through a negotiated sale process. In this case, CLA will contact industrial surplus equipment vendors, salvage companies, recycling companies, and other enterprises to determine their interest. Otherwise, the items will be sold during the August 4 public auction.

Variety, quantity, and type of auction items is large

In addition to items from inside and outside the High School Road terminal, the auction will include IAA property from the Indianapolis Maintenance Center and IAA facilities.

Items include the expected—plumbing and bath fixtures, electrical units, computers, tools, and vehicles—and the unexpected, including a massive iron Statue of Liberty and a 35-piece series of framed posters illustrating the life and times of Princess Diana.

It will also include items with nostalgic value for local history and aviation buffs, including signage, banners, and benches. “Undoubtedly, many members of the public have fond memories of the airport and some of the items that will be sold. This will be the last chance to own a piece of airport history,” Gibson reported.

CLA will begin organization and set-up for the auction after the July 4 holiday, with four forklifts, two trucks, two electric utility trucks, and about one dozen personnel at the old terminal until early August. Gibson estimates thousands of individual items will be sold along with items grouped into a hundred or more lots. For a general listing of auction items, see Exhibit A (attached).

August 4 event logistics

On auction day, the auctioneers will offer lots of items in four “rings” staged in various locations inside and outside the old terminal.

“CLA will organize all materials with a special emphasis on gathering like items that individually may not have a great value but, when placed together with similar items forming a collective, are likely to bring a premium,” explained Gibson. He added the bidding could spill over to a second day.

A cashier's station will be located in the old terminal to process payments for purchases. CLA staffers will oversee the claims process and help bidders load and remove their items from the airport. Refreshments including burgers, hot dogs, chips, and sodas will be available for purchase. **More details about public parking locations, auction entrances, and other logistics will be released prior to August 4.**

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REQUESTS FOR INTERVIEWS & PHOTOS:

Media availability, tour to be announced

WHAT: Reporters and photographers will be invited to attend an auction media availability event the week of July 27.

Senior airport officials will be available and on hand for comment and interviews.

Escort will be provided for reporters and photographers who want to see items being organized, tagged, and prepped for the sale.

WHERE: 2500 South High School Road, Indianapolis

WHEN: TBA (Contact Susan Sullivan)

WHO: Indianapolis Airport Authority (IAA) staff, including:

- Gary Gibson, senior director of administration
- Robert Duncan, chief operating officer
- Ted Pollard, owner of Commercial Liquidators of America
- Susan Sullivan, communications & media relations manager

RSVP: Please contact ssullivan@indianapolisairport.com or call 317.487.5025 to express your interest.

NOTE: Media who wish to cover the auction on August 4 should also contact Susan Sullivan to inquire about the protocol, which may include media credentialing.

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EXHIBIT A:

Partial list of Aug. 4 auction items

Computer hardware and IT network

- Hubs, routers, modems, switches, PCs and monitors

Public safety

- Fire extinguishers, protective headsets, neon parking wands, evacuation assembly point stands, uniforms, rain gear, threat containment unit, oxygen tanks, stanchions, wheelchairs, clocks, fire strobe lights, gate arms, seated and standing phone booth enclosures, security cameras and monitors, exit signage, way-finding signage, blast-proof trash cans

Electronics

- TVs, sound systems, projector screen, TV antennas, Motorola charger units, telephones, flight information display monitors

Shop equipment

- Multiple power units, metal cabinets, metal lockers, metal shelves, eye-washing bowls, floor mats, air pumps and vacuums, wooden shelves, steel racks, haulers/trailers (including one with pressure cleaner), lift ladders, portable water cabinets, tow bar, steel doors, wooden doors, carts, metal benches, counter tops, drawer units, gates, crates, fans, cleaning chemicals

Building materials

- Storm doors, double-hung windows, sliding doors, door frames, ceramic flooring tiles, wooden flooring, metal and vinyl flooring trim, ceiling tiles (new), ceiling lights, wallpaper, ceiling components, hollow core and solid core wooden doors, metal doors, locksets, incandescent and fluorescent lights

Plumbing and restroom fixtures

- Sinks, faucets, soap dispensers, hand towel dispensers, toilet paper dispensers, seat cover dispensers, stall partitions, baby changing stations, toilets and toilet flush sensors, wall-mounted trash receptacles, drinking fountains, copper tubing

Office equipment

- Desks, chairs, filing cabinets, clipboards, desk accessories, bulletin boards, cubicles and cubicle parts, glass partitions, conference tables, time clocks, trash cans, drinking fountains, artificial plants, information boards with glass fronts, boardroom table

Retail equipment

- Display racks, shelving units, concave mirrors, wrapping paper, sellable banners, trunks, sign holders, outdoor advertising signage, vending machines (snack dispensers), carousel benches, cash registers, store front grills, bench seating, merchandising lights and fixtures, kiosks, electronic eye sensors, security cameras

Parts and maintenance supplies

- Conveyor parts, controls, motors, lights, and rollers, Magritte parts, general maintenance parts, pipes, pumps, miscellaneous electrical components, scales

Vehicles and motorized equipment

- Crown Victoria sedan, Ford and Chevy vans, baggage carts, commercial-grade lawn mowers and Gators

Restaurant equipment

- Plastic milk crates, walk-in freezers, food court chairs, planters, trash cans, tables, food trays, cleaning chemicals, table skirts, stainless sinks, cash registers, stainless trashcans, benches, fans

Specialty items

- Mobile office unit, skycap stands, baggage carts, large (iron) replica of Statue of Liberty, U.S., state, and international flags and flag poles, holiday decorations, mascot costumes, Princess Diana memorabilia, barber chair, human resource training tapes

Parking

- Pay-on-foot stations for parking garage, parking meters and parts, gate arms and ticket givers, access gates, cashier booths, valet parking booth, concrete planters, trash cans, light poles, bus shelters, concrete benches, metal way-finding signs

Miscellaneous furniture

- Stacking chairs, chairs, coat racks, picnic tables, tables, electric fans

Kitchen equipment

- Freezer, oven, refrigerators (full-sized and mini), microwaves