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Ms. Deidre Huber, Director
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Dear Ms. Huber:

On behalf of the 56 member organizations of NASASP, I am pleased to offer the following remarks regarding the General Services Administration's efforts to revise the current 3040 report.

We were fortunate to have Joe Hvorecky (GSA Region 3) address the issue of allocation before our delegation at the 2001 Annual Meeting in Columbia, Maryland. Mr. Hvorecky indicated that a number of factors drive any given allocation: need and usability with the highest priority placed on donee screened items; particular request such as a wants list or donee letters; extraordinary event such as presidential disasters; the previous quantity allocated to any one state agency; the timely pick-up and removal of property; prompt distribution to eligible donees, with a standard donation rate of 75%; and equitable distribution based on condition and acquisition cost.

The formula for the GSA standard donation rate equals total receipts/total donations. Our member states expressed grave concern regarding this standard formula, in that transfers to other state and federal agencies adversely affects the donation rate of the transferring state. Such a travesty is especially unacceptable regarding our transfers to other federal agencies – agencies that had the opportunity to acquire surplus property long before the states expended the time, effort and expense of screening and transportation. Since the overarching goal of both GSA and NASASP is to maximize the utilization of surplus property, such transfers should be reflecting positively in the donation rate. The sole reason for such transfers is to utilize property rather than scrap or sell property.

I understand that different GSA regional offices have approved changes to the 3040 report for their region's SASPs. Many offices have added homeless & impoverished, SEAs and SBAs under property donated, and other SASPs list those donations elsewhere on the 3040 report.

In light of the paperwork reduction policy, your desire to standardize the 3040 report is understandable. NASASP's position regarding such standardization is that GSA must include more factors when determining the donation percentage in order that the reports truly reflect the amount of property utilized. Property taken for SASP use and property donated for cannibalization should also be reflected in the amended report.

As for the effect of a computerized standard report on SASPs, please bear in mind that many SASPs currently have computer generated 3040 reports. Any major changes to the 3040 report will require time and expense at the State Agency level to accommodate your requests.

Sincerely,

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