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HARRIET TUBMAN RESIDENTIAL CENTER SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION FOR \$900,000

New York State Office of General Services (OGS) Commissioner RoAnn M. Destito today announced the sale of Harriet Tubman Residential Center at public auction for \$900,000. The former residential center property, that closed in 2011 is located at 6706 Pine Ridge Road, Auburn, NY, Cayuga County. The minimum bid for the property was \$250,000 and there were three registered bidders at the auction which was held at the Sennett Town Hall. The successful bidder did not disclose plans for the property, however plans must comply with local zoning laws. It is anticipated that closing on the property and transfer to the new owner will take place over the next several months.

“Reducing the tax burden on New Yorkers and encouraging private business investment have been priorities for Governor Cuomo,” Commissioner Destito said. “Today’s sale accomplishes both. Taxpayers will no longer shoulder the maintenance costs for an unused property and the purchase by a private company will put this property back on the tax rolls.”

“This sale saves taxpayers money and will ultimately transform a costly and underutilized facility into opportunities that will better serve the community,” said ESD President, CEO & Commissioner Kenneth Adams. “I applaud the joint effort of our state’s Office of General Services, the Office of Children and Family Services, Empire State Development and our other state agency partners who worked closely to find a successful bidder for the Harriet Tubman Residential Center.”

“As the transformation in New York’s juvenile justice continues, it’s critical to ensure we are re-using state property to maximize investment opportunities in our communities,” said Gladys Carrión, Commissioner of the Office of Children and Family Services. “Today’s sale begins the next chapter for this property and OCFS strongly supports the Governor’s push to encourage business across the state.”

The Harriet Tubman Residential Center, constructed in 1993, is a former New York State Office of Children and Family Services operated juvenile justice facility for young women. The Center is situated on nearly 110 acres of land, improved with 23,865 square feet of building improvements. The property includes an 11,800-square-foot facility with offices, classrooms, kitchen/dining rooms, recreational space, a 6,600 square foot gymnasium and two maintenance garages.

The next public auction of state real property will be the Pyramid Reception Center located at 470 East 161st Street in the Bronx on October 16. The minimum bid will be \$3.9 million. The Pyramid Reception Center, c. 1915, is a former New York State Office of Children and Family Services reception center. The 60,000-square-foot, four-story facility was once a YMCA and appropriated by the state in 1967. Details on Pyramid Reception Center and more upcoming state surplus real property public auctions can be found at www.nysstore.com and clicking on "Surplus Property."

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