

PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE BEGINNING INVENTORY

Procedures for Completing Annual Capital Equipment Inventory

1. Check off each item on the computer list, as it is located. Place one of the small white inventory FY 2009 stickers on the equipment, as it is located. This will eliminate counting it again if it is moved to another location before the inventory is complete.
2. **PLEASE CORRECT ALL MISSING OR INCORRECT DATA ON THE COMPUTER LISTING, I.E. DESCRIPTION, MANUFACTURER, MODEL NUMBER, LOCATION CODE AND SERIAL NUMBER. PLEASE NOTE: THE LOCATION CODE MUST BE VALID ON THE UNIVERSITY LOCATION TABLE. IT CAN BE FOUND ON THE FOLLOWING WEB PAGE: <http://www.acs.utah.edu/prod/financials/locationlookup>. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING VALID LOCATIONS, PLEASE CALL EVELYN GARLINGTON IN SPACE MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING AT EXT. 1-8248.**
3. The Column headed "COND" (for condition) should be used to indicate current condition of the asset. Please use the following codes.
 - a. **Code N** = New
 - b. **Code G** = Good
 - c. **Code F** = Fair
 - d. **Code P** = Poor
 - e. **Code O** = Out of Service
 - f. **Code R** = Being Repaired

Please note that capital equipment that is coded "P" or "O" should be considered for disposal by transferring the asset to University Surplus & Salvage.

Under-utilization of assets is a serious audit consideration. Assets that are not being utilized, except those considered as separate unit, is to be avoided.

There are times, however, when equipment is intended for emergency purposes and the intent is not to utilize it, i.e., fire protection equipment, security systems or the destruct capability of some sensitive test equipment.

If you have any questions regarding utilization, please call Deb Larson of Property Accounting at ext. 1-3973.

4. Assets being used off campus must have a copy of an approval form on file in the Property Accounting Office (<http://afs.admin.utah.edu/download/property/Offcampusform.pdf>). The University location code of the responsible person should be listed on the inventory, rather than the off campus address. A list of capital equipment our office currently shows as being off campus will be included with the inventory. Please make whatever adjustments necessary to bring our records up to date and return a copy to our office.
5. If you locate equipment on your inventory report that doesn't have an asset number affixed, please request a duplicate asset number sticker from Property Accounting.
6. If you locate equipment that is not listed on your inventory report and you have reason to

believe it had an original acquisition cost in excess of \$5,000, please complete either Form A or Form B. Form A is for assets that do not have inventory numbers affixed. Form B is for assets that do have inventory numbers affixed. These forms are on the web at: <http://afs.admin.utah.edu/index.php/property/property-forms/>.

- a. Check the equipment on all sides and bottom before listing it on either Form A or Form B.
- b. Fill in **ALL** of the information about the asset. If necessary, make estimates. (Try to be as accurate as possible). **Incomplete data cannot be accepted.**
- c. Be sure to obtain the department chair or principal investigator's signature.

7. Retirement of assets is required in the following situations:

- a. TRADE Used as a trade-in (must be approved by University Surplus)
- b. STOLN Stolen (University Police case number required)
- c. LOST Lost or cannot be located
- d. SALE Sold off campus (only by University Surplus)
- e. TROFF Transferred to another institution (Documentation of proposed transfer, with proper approvals must be attached)
- f. RTURN Returned to vendor

8. Transfer of assets is required when any of the following situations take place:

- a. CANNI Cannibalized (shell must be sent to University Surplus)
- b. SCRAP Scrapped (asset must be sent to University Surplus)
- c. INTRA Sold or transferred to another department on campus (other than University Surplus)
- d. SURSV Sold or given to University Surplus

9. If there are assets on your inventory that were purchased from your departmental funds, but are in the possession of another department, a **Retirement/Transfer Form** should be processed. Remember that as far as inventory is concerned, control of capital equipment is the responsibility of the department that has the equipment in their possession.

10. If you **cannot** locate assets shown on the inventory report, please follow these procedures, before reporting them as "lost or cannot locate".

- a. Check to see if they are on your off-campus equipment list.
- b. Look at last year's inventory to make sure it was found previously.

- c. Inquire of people in the same general area if they have any knowledge of the asset's location.
- d. Consider all other possibilities, including:
 - 1. The asset was cannibalized and not properly documented with an R/T form.
 - 2. The asset was thrown into a dumpster because it was obsolete or considered worthless.
 - 3. The asset was given or sold to someone without being documented properly.
 - 4. The asset was stolen and should be reported to campus police.

If, after considering all of the above without resolution, then the asset should be reported as "lost or cannot be located". The Retirement/Transfer Form is located on the web at: <http://afs.admin.utah.edu/index.php/property/property-forms/> .

- 11. Requests to retire assets that have been "**lost or cannot be located**" (refer to 10(d) above) and that have an acquisition cost greater than \$5,000 per item will be treated as follows:
 - a. Property Accounting will send a new report to the department listing the assets meeting the above criteria.
 - b. The department chairperson shall provide certification of the steps taken to locate the missing assets.
 - c. The cognizant Dean/Director and the cognizant vice president shall approve the certification statement of the department prior to returning the report to Property Accounting.
 - d. Only after the completion of the certification process will the assets be removed from the department's inventory.
- 12. The person responsible for maintaining the departmental inventory records, as well as the Principal Investigator, **must sign the certification section** on the last page of the inventory prior to it being returned to Property Accounting. Certification indicates compliance with all rules and regulations pertaining to capital equipment including that all inventory items are in full utilization. Certification also indicates that there are no incidents of capital equipment in your department's possession that have not been properly recorded in the University's inventory database. This includes government-furnished equipment, as well as, equipment transferred to the University from another institution. Please make a copy for your files and return the **original computer list, Forms A and B, off campus approval forms and any Retirement/Transfer Forms** to Property Accounting, 416 Park Building. If you have any questions, please call either extension 1-8673 or 1-3973.

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