

## Aluminum Auction Questions and Answers

### General Auction Questions:

- **Q:** What general recommendations do you have to ensure we are prepared for and properly signed up/registered to participate in the auction?
- **A: (a-f)**
  - a. Create your auction account right away at [cwsmarketing.com](http://cwsmarketing.com), including adding a credit card to it, as this is a requirement for auction registration.
  - b. Submit the \$100,000 earnest deposit no later than Tuesday, Feb 17 (cut-off is Feb 18). It is recommended to submit the deposit earlier than this date.
  - c. Attend one of the previews to view and test samples of the aluminum provided and to ask questions.
  - d. Based on your valuation of the asset for sale and all estimated costs (removal, continued storage if needed, transportation...), determine your maximum bid and secure funding prior to the auction.
  - e. Research and prepare for the logistics of removing the property if successful.
  - f. Read the complete Terms of Sale and all auction lot descriptions.
  - g. Email [registration@cwsams.com](mailto:registration@cwsams.com) with any questions.
- **Q:** Once an account is created and registration approved, can I participate in the auction either in person or online?
- **A:** Yes, once your registration is confirmed, you can bid in person at the live event or online at [cwsmarketing.com](http://cwsmarketing.com).
- **Q:** What if the number of pallets advertised doesn't match what is received or the weight is less than advertised? In other words, what if there is a quantity or weight discrepancy?
- **A:** The government warrants to the original Buyer that the property sold will conform to its advertised description. The Buyer has 30 days from the sale date to let us know of any discrepancy. A shortage in weight or quantity, unless immaterial, would be a valid reason for partial refund according to the Terms of Sale. See the Terms for details.
- **Q:** Are the pallets all the same composition and is there any additional information that can be provided that would verify alloy composition?
- **A:** The pallets are believed to be the same composition, but testing has not been completed on all property to determine. The "series 6000 alloy composition" is information provided by the government and is the extent of the known information available. Buyers are welcome to attend in-person previews and perform x-ray analysis to determine composition of the available samples. There is no additional information other than what is stated on the auction site.

- **Q:** Are weights listed verified via scales or were they derived from original documentation?
- **A:** Random samples from all seizures were weighed on site. The warehouse pallet scale will have a sample pallet displayed during the on-site previews.
- **Q:** What are the dimensions of the pallets?
- **A:** Length, width and height are 48' x 43' x 6'

### **On-Site Previews:**

- **Q:** Is an appointment required for an on-site preview?
- **A:** Yes. Previews are on designated days, with appointments made on the auction website.
- **Q:** Do visitors who attend with the registered preview attendee need to have a separate appointment?
- **A:** No, if the visitor/guest is accompanied by the individual named on the preview appointment. If the person named on the preview appointment is not going to be present at the preview, then a new appointment needs to be made listing the "visitor" by name.
- **Q:** What exactly will the site preview involve?
- **A:** At the site preview one bundle of approximately 7 pallets from each of the main seizures will be on display for viewing and x-ray testing. Attendees are responsible for any testing and providing any equipment needed for testing. Staff will be on hand to answer auction and post-auction questions.
- **Q:** Will preview attendees be walked around the facility to visually inspect the material (i.e. to verify if strapping is all consistent or if additional banding is needed, is it tight enough for travel, do numbers of pallets up for auction match a visual inspection, does the ratio of heavy to light match the auction description etc.)?
- **A:** . The facility is a secure government facility and access for bidders is restricted to the auction and preview floor, viewing randomly pulled samples of stacks of pallets.

### **Logistics / Property Removal**

- **Q:** Are the skids all strapped?
- **A:** The Heavy pallets are strapped in groups of 7 but the Lighter pallet types are in groups of 8.
- **Q:** Are there truck scales on site?
- **A:** No, scales are not onsite.

- **Q:** Does your facility have rail access?
- **A:** No.
  
- **Q:** Will loaders provide standard shipping paperwork? I.e. will the loaders/forklift operators provide paperwork/packing lists/BOL's etc. (i.e. will there be a weight that accompanies the truck?)
- **A:** Loaders will provide a "Management Activity Report" for each truck loaded. This document will include the seizure number, total number of pallets, weight per pallet, driver information, seal # and other information pertinent to the purchased property. The ATW, based on the number of pallets loaded, can be included on the Management Activity Report. If a BOL is desired, it will need to be provided to the loader by the buyer or the shipping company.
  
- **Q:** Will shippers/loaders provide seals? Are they metal or plastic ?
- **A:** Yes – Metal seals can be provided.
  
- **Q:** Does the storage facility expect to be able to load 8-10 40' high-cube containers per day?
- **A:** Yes, that is the estimated amount. This could change, depending on unforeseen circumstances.
  
- **Q:** How stringent is the 12-week removal timeframe?
- **A:** As long as the buyer is making every effort to daily remove the aluminum, roughly planning on 8-10 truckloads per day, the 12-week time is somewhat flexible. If delays occur outside of Buyer's control (i.e. the loading times are slower than the warehouse anticipated and they can only load 6 trucks per day for example) , this would be reason for an extension on the 12-week estimation. However, if the Buyer's transporter regularly does not show up or is late for removal appointments, that would not be.
  
- **Q:** Will the forklift loader secure cargo as part of loading? i.e. adding spacers or bracing load if extra space etc.?
- **A:** No, this would be the responsibility, risk and cost of the Buyer or transporter.
  
- **Q:** If there a preferred type of transportation the Buyer should use to remove the aluminum?
- **A:** Yes. It is recommended that 40' or 53' Box Trucks be utilized, which will help expedite the removal of property. If the Buyer chooses to use another type, such as flatbed trailers, loading and removal will take longer.
  
- **Q:** If successful bidder wanted a project manager on site is this allowed? Will they have an area to work and help coordinate?
- **A:** Yes, this will be allowed but with very limited access, needing to remain in the dock area, with access to a desk/table, chair, power and the restroom.

- **Q:** Is additional loading dock space or forklifts, labor, etc., if bidder covers cost? (i.e. allow for bidder to load two trucks at a time at each facility)
- **A:** No.
  
- **Q:** Are all pallets free from any steel attachments?
- **A:** Yes
  
- **Q:** Is it known if the cross pieces of the pallets are hollow?
- **A:** For the “Heavy” pallets, which is the vast majority, NO, they are not hollow. For the “Light” pallets, YES.
  
- **Q:** What are the live-load appointment windows?
- **A:** 0800 – 1700.
  
- **Q:** What are the facility operating days and hours?
- **A:** Monday – Friday, 0800 – 1700, with lunch at approximately 1200-1300 (lunch can be somewhat flexible if in the middle of a load).
  
- **Q:** Is the removal calendar set for 12 weeks from the time removal begins?
- **A:** Yes. Given the complexity and volume of this sale we will make every reasonable effort to ensure the 12-week removal time is met. The Buyer must do the same by providing multiple trucks, daily, to facilitate removal in a 12-week time frame. This is estimated to be between 8-10, 40’trucks. 53’ can also be utilized. Circumstances out of the control of the buyer might impact the 12-week removal calendar.
  
- **Q:** What happens if a pickup window is missed?
- **A:** Loading will begin when the truck(s) arrive. If arrival is later than scheduled, this will impact the number of loads that can be completed in a day. Late arrivals, for example after 1500, or during the scheduled lunch hours, will be rescheduled for the following business day or after lunch. Repeated or numerous appointments will impact the Buyers ability to remove the property in the time allotted. See the Sale Terms regarding default due to not meeting removal timelines.
  
- **Q:** Can Drop trailers be used?
- **A:** No. Due to space limitations, and other facility activities, drop trailers are not allowed. It is recommended that 40ft high-cube, or 53’ containers containers be used. It is up to the Buyer to determine what size and type of container or trailer is utilized.
  
- **Q:** How many trucks can be loaded at one time? (I.e. how many docks?)
- **A:** Two (2). We will have one dock in each of our two warehouses available for the loading.

- **Q:** When must the removal of the aluminum begin?
- **A:** Within 10 days from the date of the auction. Once payment in full is made, the first removal date must be set within five days, though it can start sooner. Removal needs to start as soon as possible given the volume of material that needs to be loaded. Once removal has begun, 8-10 daily removals are expected, but is ultimately at the discretion of the storage facility manager.
  
- **Q:** Are the forklifts staffed? Or do we have to provide labor?
- **A:** Amentum will be providing the forklifts and labor. There is no cost to the buyer for use of forklifts or the staff to operate.
  
- **Q:** Will 2 forklifts always be provided?
- **A:** Yes. The facility has several forklifts at their disposal in case one breaks down.
  
- **Q:** Will the forklifts be solely assigned to this material?
- **A:** Yes
  
- **Q:** Is the material free from duties or liabilities, i.e. it is offered for sale free and clear?
- **A:** Yes. The aluminum is being offered free and clear. There are no duties or additional fees owed or due.