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Camp Georgetown sells for \$241,000, but future use still unknown

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Syracuse, N.Y. -- The Brihat Corporation, with offices in Westchester County, was the winning bidder today for Camp Georgetown, a former minimum-security prison in Madison County.

The winning bid of \$241,000 beat out three other bidders, according to the New York Office of General Services, which ran the auction today.

The state has no idea what Brihat plans to do with the 31-acre plot. Because it was formerly owned by the state, the land and its 38 buildings are not zoned for a specific use, according to general services. The company will work with local leaders to determine the future use, OGS spokeswoman Heather Groll said today.

The former 262-bed prison closed as part of a 2011 consolidation plan from Gov. Andrew Cuomo to shutter a total of seven prisons and four juvenile justice centers. It is the first prison to sell since the closings.

Closing on the property and a final transfer are expected to take several months.

Today was the third auction for Camp Georgetown, which first opened in 1961. At the previous two auctions, no one offered minimum bids of \$390,000 or \$250,000. Today's opening bid was \$90,000.

Lyon Mountain, another former state correctional facility, is currently for sale at public auction on July 10 with a minimum bid of \$140,000. Details on Lyon Mountain 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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