

March 7, 2005

Dear Transportation Service Providers (TSPs):

This Request for Offers (RFO) transmits the Filing Instructions (FI) for the submission of rate offers for the General Services Administration (GSA) Standard Tender of Service (STOS), General Freight Traffic Management Program traffic. Rate offers filed in response to this RFO will be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the GSA STOS and this RFO and its FI. Please note that in some instances this RFO and its FI will deviate from and will supersede those published in the STOS, General Freight Tender of Service No. 1-F (GSA TOS No. 1-F), supplements and reissues thereto. Rate offers accepted in response to this RFO and its SFI are due by 4:30 Central Standard Time April 11, 2005, and will be effective May 1, 2005, through April 30, 2006.

Traffic to be included under this RFO and its SFI will be freight-all-kinds (FAK) shipments moving via closed van for all less than truckload (LTL) (0 pounds to 10,000 pounds) shipments and all truckload (TL) (20,000 pounds to 40,000 pounds and over) shipments which fall into one or more of the three categories identified in Section 1 of this RFO and its SFI. Rate offers are being requested for the following types of traffic:

- General Freight rate offers (Section 8);
- Intrastate Alaska rate offers (Section 8);
- US Postal Service (USPS) rate offers (Section 9);
- Fire Suppression Support Service rate offers (Section 10);
- US Mint rate offers (Section 11);
- Federal Aviation Administration, Oklahoma City, OK, rate offers (Section 12);
- Agency Specific Non-Alternating rate offers (Section 13);
- Agency Specific Alternating rate offers (Section 14)

All rate offers submitted in response to this RFO and its SFI must be submitted to GSA in accordance with Sections 15 and 16- **NO PAPER RATE OFFERS** will be accepted. TSP's and Rate Filing Service Providers (RFSP)'s have the option of submitting rates per Section 15 and 16 or by utilizing the rate filing capabilities of GSA's Transportation Management Services Solution system (TMSS). TSP's and RFSP's are highly encouraged to file rates early in the filing period to assure sufficient time to correct unacceptable rate filings prior to the close date of April 11, 2005.

In addition, only those TSP's and RFSP's who have met the established approval requirements, Per GSA's TOS No.1-F Section 2 Participation, may submit rate offers in accordance with this RFO and its FI. TSP's that are not currently approved may submit their approval requirements during the open filing to be considered for the rate submission of this RFO and FI.

**Please note the following significant items:**

1. Please be aware that all rate offers previously accepted in accordance with the RFO and FI dated March 12, 2004, automatically expire on April 30, 2005, it is imperative that all firms submit new or amend existing tenders within TMSS.

2. Electronic rate offers must be submitted to GSA in accordance with the time frames identified in this RFO and FI per Section 1-2. Once a rate file is submitted via FTP, per Section 16, it will be processed for errors that evening, and an error report will be submitted back to the RFSP or TSP FTP directory immediately following validation. An e-mail will also be sent to the TSP or RFSP identifying the number of records added, rejected, and identified as suspect. TSPs and RFSPs may continue submitting corrections until all errors are corrected or until the closing date. Rate files and error corrections submitted on the closing date of April 11, 2005, will be validated at 10:00am, 1:00pm and 4:30pm CST. TSP's and RFSP's will not have an opportunity to correct any errors found during the 4:30 validation; **(note; see Section 16 for further details)**

3. Section 11, The Non-Alternating SRO for the U.S. Mint has added three new destinations

4. Section 14, The Government Printing Office has established three alternating SRO's

If you have any questions please contact Carey DeForest of my staff at (816) 823-3646 or via e-mail at [carey.deforest@gsa.gov](mailto:carey.deforest@gsa.gov).

Sincerely,

/s/ *Ed Hodges*

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