

GSA Household Goods Relocation and Freight Committee Meeting
490 L'Enfant Plaza SW Suite 3207
Washington DC
May 2, 2007

Meeting Facilitator – Mary Anne Sykes, GSA Center for Transportation Management
Mary Anne opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees.

Opening Remarks – Tauna Delmonico, Director, GSA Center for Transportation Management

Tauna shared the news that the GSA has officially completed its reorganization. The Federal Supply Service and the Federal Technology Service were combined to create the Federal Acquisition Service (FAS). Tauna is now the Director of the Center for Transportation Management and will be a direct line supervisor for all transportation offices nationwide. Some GSA transportation point of contacts will change since the business line's staff will be reduced from 45 people to 21 people.

We reached a monumental phase with Transportation Management Services Solution (TMSS) as the pre-payment audit and payment functions will be up and running for GSA's depots on May 21, 2007.

Tauna also mentioned the upcoming TSP meeting, May 3, 2007. The meeting will focus on meeting the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) needs especially since hurricane season will begin June 1, 2007.

Fundamentals of the Motor Carrier Industry – Bill Wanamaker, Director Government Traffic and Security Operations, American Trucking Association (ATA)

Bill began his presentation with an overview of the American Trucking Associations and the 50 state trucking associations comprising its membership. ATA has a staff of 225 working its mission through advocacy and education. Bill provided information on the Motor Carrier Industry trends and current issues. Trucks account for 84% of all freight revenue. Eighty percent of all U.S. communities rely on only trucks for 100% sustainment. Cost remains a challenge as insurance rates and operating expense increase.

Bill shared with the committee ATA's role in supporting the repeal of the three percent withholding requirement: **Governments to withhold three percent of contract payments**. Legislation passed to extend tax breaks and provide relief from the minimum alternative tax will also require government agencies to withhold 3 percent of governments' payments to contractors to help offset the cost of the tax breaks. On May 17, 2006, President George Bush signed Public Law 109-222, *The Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act of 2005*. At Section 511, *Imposition of withholding on certain payments made by government entities*, a new requirement is established for any government agency, federal, state or local, that spends \$100 million or more per year on contracts, to withhold three percent of all payments on contracts and treat it as income withholding. Motor carriers providing service to governments will have the three percent withheld and not be refunded except through annual tax filings. Trade associations providing services to government agencies by contract, such as

registration services, would also be affected. ATA is an active participant in the U.S. Chamber-lead coalition to repeal Sec. 511 of the law. For more information, contact Bob Pitcher at (703) 838-7939 or Bill Wanamaker at (703) 838-1997.

Program Updates – GSA Center for Transportation Management

NAMP: Raymond Price (GSA Center for Transportation Management) discussed GSA's National Account Management Program (NAMP). The NAMP assigns specific GSA regional offices to agency freight customers. Agencies with signed Transportation Service Agreements (TSAs) are required to send quarterly reports and associated Industrial Funding Fee (IFF) to GSA. Previously, reports were sent to Kansas City Program Management Office. Now, reports should be sent electronically to GSA Central Office at transportation.programs@gsa.gov. Send fax reports to (703) 605-9933.

Ray issued a Request for Offers (RFO) in FedBizOpps for the solicitation of rates to move excessed FEMA trailers and mobile homes.

If you have any questions about the NAMP or the FEMA RFO, contact Ray at (703) 605-2890 or raymond.price@gsa.gov.

FSSI: Blaine Jacobs (GSA Center for Transportation Management) provided an update on FSSI. Currently 36 agencies are participating with an estimated annual spend of \$73.7 million. At \$75 million, the agencies reach the Tier 3 discount level. Tiered pricing is based on good faith estimates. Annual spend will be reviewed yearly. Agency decentralization has delayed some agencies from participating since field level approval may be necessary.

Pam Silvis-Zelasko (Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)) mentioned VA estimates FSSI savings will be \$3 million at Tier 2. FedEx assisted VA with their analysis to participate in FSSI by supplying shipment data.

GSA is focusing on utilizing business intelligence reports to provide usable data to participating agencies. GSA has received some reports and is resolving data issues. Agencies may receive sample reports requesting feedback for GSA.

Open Forum

Rates: Mary Anne Sykes (GSA Center for Transportation Management) stated that the new household goods and freight rates were available on May 1, 2007.

Agency Meetings: Mary Anne Sykes (GSA Center for Transportation Management) discussed how the agency meetings initially began as council meetings. Agencies voted on transportation issues impacting the household goods program. The meetings evolved to provide program updates and educate attendees. Attendees agreed that they like both program updates and educational opportunities. GSA welcomes input from agencies for agenda topics.

A suggested agenda topic for the next meeting is the Transportation Workers Identification Card (TWIC).

The next GSA Household Goods Relocation and Freight Committee Meeting will be August 1, 2007 at GSA's Crystal City, 2200 Crystal Drive L1303, Arlington, Virginia.

The meeting adjourned at 11: 30 a.m.

Attendees

1	Norman Mixon	Dept of Justice
2	Bill Fouts	DHS Customs and Border Protection
3	Connie Lindsay	FAA
4	Susan A Pratt	Federal Bureau of Prisons
5	Rocky Loewner	FEMA
6	John Wheeler	GSA
7	Mathis Gardner	GSA
8	Ted Bembenek	GSA
9	Tauna Delmonico	GSA
10	Mary Anne Sykes	GSA
11	Betho Vogelsinger	GSA
12	Blaine Jacobs	GSA
13	Lynn Ju	GSA
14	Ray Price	GSA
15	Dena P Taylor	GSA
16	Cynthia Pope	GSA
17	Angela Jones	GSA
18	Calvin Pittman	GSA
19	Klaus Staefe	NASA
21	Jim Christ	USCG
22	Darrell Washington	USGS
20	Amanda Chapman	USSS
	Gracie Poindexter	
23	Turner	USSS
24	Pam Silvis-Zelasko	VA
25	Yvonne Smith	VA