NOTICE TO ALL CARRIERS WHICH HAVE FILED RATE OFFERS FOR THE SOUTHWEST DISTRIBUTION CENTER (SWDC) IN FT. WORTH, TX & THE SOUTHEAST DISTRIBUTION CENTER (SEDC) IN PALMETTO, GA.

July 27, 2001

Dear Transportation Service Provider:

As you may already be aware, the General Services Administration (GSA) has announced its intent to close the Southwest Distribution Center (SWDC) located in Fort Worth, TX. The scheduled closing date is November 2, 2001. GSA has also announced its intent to close the Southeast Distribution Center (SEDC) located in Palmetto, GA. This scheduled closing date is November 16, 2001.

In the Request for Offers (RFO) dated July 11, 2000, GSA requested the submission of electronic rate offers specifically for shipments originating from the SWDC and SEDC. These acceptable rate offers went in to effect November 1, 2000, and are scheduled to automatically expire on October 31, 2001. In order to provide adequate transportation services for the SWDC and SEDC during its closure functions, GSA is utilizing its option to unilaterally extend **ALL** current rate offers for the SWDC and SEDC for an additional ninety (90) days as allowed in Section 1-5 of the RFO dated July 11, 2000. As a result, the new expiration date for current SWDC and SEDC rate offers will extend from October 31, 2002. If your firm **would not** like to extend its current rate offers, please complete the enclosed certification form and submit it to the address directly below.

General Services Administration Attn: Carey Deforest Transportation and Property Management Center (6FBD-X) 1500 E. Bannister Road, Room 1076 Kansas City, MO 64131 (816) 823-3646

Under separate correspondence, your firm received notice that GSA has adopted ALK Technologies, Inc. 5-digit ZIP Code mileage for rate offers effective November 1, 2001. Please note this change will not apply to the extension of rates for SWDC and SEDC.

If your firm submitted a paper rate offer(s) in response to the RFO dated July 11, 2000, for SWDC for shipments to Puerto Rico, you will need to forward a supplement (one original and six copies) to your firm's original Optional Form 280 (OF280), extending the expiration date to January 29, 2002.

If your firm submitted a paper rate offer(s) in response to the RFO dated July 11, 2000, for SEDC for shipments to Canada, Puerto Rico, and the States of Alaska and Hawaii, you will need to forward a supplement (one original and six copies) to your firm's original OF280 extending the expiration date to January 29, 2002.

All paper OF280s should be submitted directly to:

General Services Administration Attn: Robert Clayton Travel and Transportation Management Division (4FT) 401 West Peachtree Street, Suite 2600 Atlanta, GA 30308

If you have any questions regarding the SWDC or SEDC, please contact Robert Clayton of GSA's Southeast Zone Office at (404) 331-0533 or e-mail at <u>Robert.clayton@gsa.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Ed Hodges Property and Traffic Management Division (6FBD-X) Transportation & Property Management Center

Enclosure

PARTICIPANT CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, am exercising my option to **not extend** my current rate tender(s) for the period November 1, 2001 through January 29, 2002. By this certification, I am hereby acknowledging that my current rate tender will be removed from ITMS for that period of time.

Participant Name:_____

SCAC:_____

Tender Number(s):

SRO Code	Depot	Tender Number(s)

Authorized Signature:_____

Date:_____