

March 18, 2009

Dear Transportation Service Providers (TSPs):

This letter serves as notice that the General Services Administration (GSA) is amending the Request for Offers (RFO) and its Special Filing Instructions (SFI) dated August 28, 2006 for the submission of non-alternating rate offers on behalf of the **National Industries for the Blind and Severely Handicapped (NIB/NISH), the Western Distribution Center (WDC) and the Eastern Distribution Center (EDC)** for freight-all-kinds (FAK) traffic. All previous requirements of the original RFO and its SFI dated August 28, 2006, including Amendments issued on September 14, 2006, will remain in effect except as noted in this letter and the amended RFO and its SFI.

Please note the following changes:

1. Transaction Fee Increased from 4% to 6%: Effective May 1, 2009, GSA is increasing the Transaction Fee identified in Section 7B of the RFO and its SFI from 4% to 6%.
2. Application of 6% Transaction Fee: The 6% Transaction Fee will be based on total transportation charges paid, EXCLUDING the applicable fuel surcharge.
3. Supplemental Filing Window: As this amendment increases the current Transaction Fee and also eliminates its application to the fuel surcharge, GSA is establishing a Supplemental Filing Window of March 18, 2009 through April 13, 2009 for a rate effective date of May 1, 2009. This Supplemental Filing window applies only to the identified **WDC** and **EDC** traffic.
 - A. TSPs with existing rate offers on file for the identified **WDC and EDC** traffic may, but are not required to, modify their rate offers during the Supplemental Filing Window. If based on these amendments a TSP with existing rate offers on file does not wish to modify and/or submit new rate offers during the Supplemental Filing Window, then no action is necessary. If no modifications/additions are made to currently accepted rate offers, those rate offers will remain in effect until the original expiration date of October 31, 2009. However, TSPs may make modifications to existing rate offers and/or submit new rate offers during the Supplemental Filing Window. Modified and/or new rate offers accepted during the Supplemental Filing Window will also expire October 31, 2009.
 - B. TSPs who did not submit rates offers for the identified **WDC and EDC** traffic by the original due date of October 2, 2006, may submit rate offers during the Supplemental Filing Window. Rate offers accepted during the Supplemental Filing Window will expire October 31, 2009.
4. Section 8 National Industries for the Blind and Severely Handicapped (NIB/NISH): Section 8 has been removed from this RFO and its SFI as new NIB/NISH RFOs and Filing Instructions (FI) have been issued. The rate offers under this RFO and its SFI expired on October 31, 2007. Rate offers for NIB/NISH can be submitted in accordance with the Amended 2008-2009 NIB/NISH RFO and FI that can be found at www.gsa.gov/transportation under Freight Management in the STOS and RFO library.

If you have any questions with regards to this amendment or the original RFO and its SFI, please contact Jim Stroup at jim.stroup@gsa.gov or 816-823-3646.

Sincerely,

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