

February 17, 2000

Dear Carrier:

This Request for Offers (RFO) transmits the Special Filing Instructions (SFI) 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 SFI. Please note that in some instances this RFO and its SFI 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. Unless otherwise noted, rate offers accepted in response to this RFO and its SFI will be for the filing period of May 1, 2000, through April 30, 2001.

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 identified in this RFO and its SFI. Rate offers are being requested for the following types of traffic:

- ▶▶▶ General Freight rate offers (Section 6);
- ▶▶▶ Intrastate Alaska rate offers (Section 6);
- ▶▶▶ Chicago Forward Supply Point (CFSP), Alsip, IL, rate offers (Section 7);
- ▶▶▶ United States Postal Service (USPS) rate offers (Section 8);
- ▶▶▶ Fire Suppression Support Service rate offers (Section 9);
- ▶▶▶ Agency Specific Non-Alternating rate offers (Section 10);
- ▶▶▶ Federal Aviation Administration, Oklahoma City, OK, rate offers (Section 11); and
- ▶▶▶ Agency Specific Alternating rate offers (Section 12).

All rate offers submitted in response to this RFO and its SFI must be submitted to GSA in accordance with Section 14 - **NO PAPER RATE OFFERS** will be accepted. In addition, only those common/contract carriers, rail carriers, freight forwarders, and brokers and shippers agents/Intermodal Marketing Companies (including each of their underlying carriers which they represent) who have met the established approval requirements for participation in GSA's Freight Management Program may submit rate offers in accordance with this RFO and its SFI. Only those Rate Filing Service Providers (firms which offer to those approved to participate in GSA's Freight Management Program the service of submitting to GSA rate offers in accordance with this RFO and its SFI) who have a valid Trading Partner Agreement on file with GSA's Freight Program Management Office (FPMO) and have met all other approval requirements established by GSA can submit rate offers in accordance with Section 14 of this RFO and its SFI on behalf of approved firms. Only those Tariff Publishing Agents who have a valid Trading Partner Agreement on file with the FPMO and have met all other

approval requirements established by GSA may act as a Tariff Publishing Agent on behalf of approved firms.

Please note the following significant items:

1. Please be aware that all electronic rate offers previously accepted for the traffic identified in this RFO and its SFI automatically expire on April 30, 2000; consequently, it is imperative that all firms submit new rate offers in accordance with this RFO and its SFI if a firm wants rates effective May 1, 2000;

2. GSA has included a request for Intrastate Alaska rate offers under General Freight Traffic (please refer to Section 6). Rate offers MUST be based on highway miles only and truckload rate offers MUST be submitted as a cents per mile with minimum charge per vehicle used. Rate offers WILL NOT be accepted for points in Alaska from/to points in CONUS;

3. The majority of the Standing Route Order (SRO) traffic for the United States Postal Service (USPS) identified in Section 8 has been converted from non-alternating SRO traffic to alternating SRO traffic. In addition, the request for Contiguous State rate offers (B5 rate records) has been eliminated from this RFO and its SFI; and

4. IMPORTANT: If you are a current subscriber to the ITMS CD-ROM and intend to use its capabilities for the creation and submission of your rate offer for the identified traffic, you will need to contact the FPMO to request an updated version of ITMS as your current ITMS CD does not incorporate the changes/additions contained in this RFO and its SFI. To obtain an updated version of ITMS, please contact Robyn Bennett by facsimile at (816) 823-3656 or e-mail at robyn.bennett@gsa.gov. If you do not intend to utilize the capabilities of ITMS to create and submit your rate offers, you will not need to obtain a new version of ITMS as nothing else has been changed from your current version of ITMS.

If you have any questions with regard to this RFO, its SFI, or GSA's Freight Management Program in general, please contact Robyn Bennett or Ray Calahan at (816) 823-3646 or e-mail at robyn.bennett@gsa.gov or ray.calahan@gsa.gov. For specific agency/location contacts, please reference Paragraph 1-7 of the enclosed RFO.

Sincerely,

Ed Hodges, Director
Property & Traffic Management Division (6FBD)

Enclosure