

July 27, 2001

Dear Transportation Service Provider:

In a Request for Offers (RFO) dated February 5, 2001, the General Services Administration (GSA) requested the submission of rate offers for the following types of traffic:

- ➔General Freight;
- ➔Intrastate Alaska;
- ➔Chicago Forward Supply Point (CFSP), Alsip, IL;
- ➔US Postal Service (USPS);
- ➔Fire Suppression Support Service;
- ➔Agency Specific Non-Alternating rate;
- ➔Federal Aviation Administration, Oklahoma City, OK; and
- ➔Agency Specific Alternating rate.

Rate offers submitted in response to this RFO were for freight-all-kinds (FAK) shipments moving via closed van for all less than truckload (LTL) (0 pounds to 19,999 pounds) shipments and all truckload (TL) (20,000 pounds to 40,000 pounds and over) shipments.

Since the May 1, 2001, effective date of rates submitted under that RFO, the following major changes have occurred in the Freight Management Program:

✎ Announced March 31, 2001, retirement of the traditional nine-page Government Bill of Lading (GBL) requiring forthcoming modification of the terms and conditions of the traditional GBL; and

✎ Implementation within the Interagency Transportation Management System (ITMS) of automated mileage capabilities. GSA has converted to the use of ALK Technologies, Inc. mileage instead the formerly used Rand McNally mileage from the Household Goods Carriers' Bureau Committee Mileage Guide. As a result, effective November 1, 2001, all freight shipments, except domestic non-express small package and shipments originating from GSA facilities located in Palmetto, GA, Fort Worth, TX, and Stockton, CA, will be audited based on ALK Technologies, Inc., 5-digit ZIP Code Version 15 (coincides with PC*Miler 15) mileage.

Attached is a Supplement to the February 5, 2001, RFO , incorporating these changes. If your firm currently has a rate offer(s) on file accepted in accordance with the February 5, 2001, RFO, and you wish to make a rate adjustment or submit a new/late filing based on these changes or for any other reason, you must electronically transmit your rate adjustment during the Supplemental Filing window which opens July 30, 2001, and closes September 4, 2001 (please reference Section 1-2.F.2. of the RFO). Approved rate offers will become effective November 1, 2001. All other terms and conditions of the February 5, 2001, RFO apply as stated in the RFO.

If you have any questions about the information contained in this letter, please contact Carey DeForest by phone at (816) 823-3646 or by e-mail at carey.deforest@gsa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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SUPPLEMENT TO THE FREIGHT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM REQUEST FOR OFFERS (RFO) DATED FEBRUARY 5, 2001

(Only sections with changes have been identified in this Supplement. For complete terms and conditions, please refer to the original RFO and its SFI)

Section 5 of this RFO is being modified to incorporate the following two provisions:

SECTION 5A TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR GOVERNMENT SHIPMENTS

This RFO provision supersedes Item 1-10, "Application of the Terms and Conditions of the Government Bill of Lading," of the GSA Standard Tender of Service (STOS), General Freight Tender of Service No. 1-F. Effective November 1, 2001, all Government shipments handled under the STOS will be subject to the shipping terms/conditions contained in 41 CFR §§102-117 and 102-118. These terms and conditions have been incorporated in Optional Form (OF) 280. Therefore, any shipment moving under an accepted rate submitted on OF 280 automatically is subject to the Government's shipping "terms and conditions." The bill of lading for any such shipment **must** contain the statement, "This is a U.S. Government shipment." As a matter of information, for any shipment moving under an accepted rate not submitted on OF 280, the shipping agency is responsible for ensuring that the bill of lading contains the following statement to specifically incorporate the Government's shipping terms and conditions: "This Government shipment is subject to the shipping terms and conditions contained in 41 CFR §§102-117 and 102-118. For a complete description of the Government's shipping terms/conditions, go to the following GSA Website: <http://policyworks.gov/transportation>; click on "Regulations;" and then click on "Transportation Management" (41 CFR § 102-117) or "Transportation Audit" (41 CFR § 102-118), as appropriate.

SECTION 5B BASIS FOR DETERMINING APPLICABLE DISTANCE/MILEAGE

GSA has adopted ALK Technologies, Inc. 5-digit ZIP Code mileage for use in determining highway mileage for all surface freight shipments between any two locations within the contiguous United States (i.e., the 48 States and the District of Columbia). Therefore, effective November 1, 2001, this RFO provision supersedes any reference to Rand-McNally mileage in the Standard Tender of Service (STOS) (including General Freight Tender of Service No. 1-F, National Rules Tender No. 100-D, and Baseline Rate Publication No. 1000-D) and replaces it with reference to ALK Technologies, Inc. 5-digit ZIP Code, Version 15 (coincides with PC*Miler 15) mileage. For rate offers effective November 1, 2001, the percentage discount stated in a submitting Participant's rate offer must be based on ALK Technologies, Inc., Version 15 mileage. Exceptions to the use of the ALK Technologies mileage are domestic non-express small package shipments and shipments from GSA facilities located at Palmetto, GA, Fort Worth, TX, and Stockton, CA. Following is the basis to be used in constructing mileage for shipments moving within the contiguous United States:

GENERAL: borders closed, ferry on, shortest mileage.

OW/OD: borders closed, ferry on, practical miles.

For a full description of Default Settings, please refer to:

<http://dtod-mtmc.belvoir.army.mil>.

Once there, click on "industry" and then on "PC*Miler Default Settings."