SECTION 2
REQUEST FOR OFFERS

2-1. Application of VTOS.

This Request for Offers (RFO), Special Instructions and any resulting rate offer(s) is subject to the provisions of the General Services Administration (GSA's) Vehicle Tender of Service (VTOS) dated June 17, 2009, supplements thereto and reissues thereof.

2-2. Filing Possibilities.

2-2.1. Official Vehicles.

Transportation Service Providers (TSPs) submitting rate offers pursuant to this RFO and Special Instructions may file rate offers that apply to the transport of Official Vehicles for the Department of State.

2-2.2. Armored Vehicles.

TSPs submitting rate offers pursuant to this RFO and Special Instructions may file rate offers that apply to the transport of Armored Vehicles for the Department of State.

2-3. Rates or Charges.

2-3.1. Official Vehicles.

The amount stated in the submitting TSP's rate offer for the shipment of an Official Vehicle represents a flat charge applicable to the following services:
(1) Pick up of vehicle from origin warehouse;
(2) Preparation of the vehicle;
(3) Performance of vehicle inspection at origin warehouse;
(4) Transportation of the vehicle from origin to destination on a warehouse to warehouse to and from post basis;
(5) All land and water transportation;
(6) Export and import documentation services involving customs clearances;
(7) Ferry, tunnel and bridge charges/tolls;
(8) The first five (5) days of storage in transit (SIT) at destination and all associated SIT charges are inclusive of the filed rates;
(9) Monitoring of Temporary Import Bond (TIB), if applicable;
(10) Filing documentation for vehicles covered under a TIB;
(11) Valuation and liability as identified in Section 6-1 of the VTOS; and
(12) Bunker, War and Security Surcharges including 10-2 Rule Fees.

2-3.1.1. Vehicle Sizes.

The flat charge must be stated in whole dollars and may be offered only on the following sizes:
1. Class 1: Vehicles less than 300 cubic feet in physical measurement;
2. Class 2: Vehicles between 300 and 800 cubic feet in physical measurement; and,
3. Class 3: Vehicles exceeding 800 cubic feet in physical measurement.

2-3.2. Armored Vehicles.

The amount stated in the submitting TSP's rate offer for the shipment of an Armored Vehicle represents a flat charge applicable to the following services:
(1) Pick up of vehicle from origin warehouse;
(2) Preparation of the vehicle;
(3) Performance of vehicle inspection at origin warehouse;
(4) Transportation of the vehicle from origin to destination on a warehouse to warehouse to and from post basis;
(5) All land and water transportation;
(6) Export and import documentation services involving customs clearances;
(7) Ferry, tunnel and bridge charges/tolls;
(8) The first five (5) days of storage in transit (SIT) at destination and all associated SIT charges are inclusive of the filed rates;

(9) Monitoring of Temporary Import Bond (TIB), if applicable;
(10) Filing documentation for vehicles covered under a TIB; and
(11) Valuation and liability as identified in Section 6-1 of the VTOS.

2-3.2.1. Vehicle Sizes.

The flat charge must be stated in whole dollars and may be offered only on the following sizes:

1. Class 1: 4,000 – 5,999 GVW;
2. Class 2: 6,000 – 10,000 GVW; and
3. Class 3: Over 10,000 GVW.

2-3.3. Motorized Vehicles

All internal combustion engines, self-propelled vehicles, or mechanized equipment containing an internal combustion engine may be subject to 49CFR, hazardous material shipping paper requirements. The TSP may identify vessel carrier and hazardous material associated fees on their invoice as a pass through charge. TSPs must provide a copy of the original receipt from the vessel carrier for reimbursement consideration by the Federal Agency. Due to 49CFR hazardous material requirements, agencies are expected to pay legitimate associated costs for this service. Vehicles with an empty fuel tank and run to a stall are excepted from the requirements of 49CFR 176.905. Vehicles cannot be shipped with more than one quarter of a tank of flammable fuel under any circumstance.

2-4 Transit Times.

2-4.1. Application of Transit Time.

Transport of Official and Armored Vehicles are subject to the transit times as identified in Item 1-5 of VTOS.

2-5. GSA Industrial Funding Fee (IFF).

2-5.1. Amount of Charge.

The GSA IFF will be 1.50% of the net transportation charges billable to the Government and must be paid in accordance with the provisions identified in Item 1-2 of the VTOS.

2-5.1.2. Cost Included in TSP's Offer.

The cost of GSA IFF must be included in the TSP's rate offer.

2-6. Extension of Offer by the Government.

The Government reserves the right to extend the expiration date of all or part of the rate offers accepted in accordance with this RFO and Special Instructions for up to ninety (90) calendar days.

2-7. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE OF THE GOVERNMENT.

The Government, by written notice, may terminate all or part of the rate offer(s) accepted in accordance with this RFO and Special Instructions, in whole or in part, when it is in the Government's best interest. If a rate offer(s) is terminated, the Government shall be liable only for payment for services rendered before the effective date of the termination.