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TO ALL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE PROVIDERS APPROVED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CENTRALIZED HOUSEHOLD GOODS TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM:

This Request for Offers (RFO) transmits the issuance of the 2018-2019 Filing Cycle Special Instructions for the filing of rate offers in the General Services Administration's (GSA's) Centralized Household Goods Traffic Management Program (CHAMP) specific to the Filing Cycle for the period November 1, 2018 through October 31, 2019. This RFO and Special Instructions (hereinafter referred to as RFO) are in accordance with the Household Goods Tender of Service (HTOS), supplements thereto and reissues thereof. Transportation Service Providers (TSPs) who are approved to participate in CHAMP and have agreed to abide by the terms of the HTOS, supplements thereto and reissues thereof, are eligible to file rate offers in accordance with this RFO.

While we strongly encourage TSPs to read the entire RFO, we've highlighted below the major changes new to this RFO and others that have been carried over from previous RFOs that need to be highlighted again.

Due Dates: Rate offers must be submitted in accordance with this RFO by the Initial Filing due date of 10:00 PM Central Time, September 24, 2018 and/or the Supplemental Filing due date of 10:00 PM Central Time, March 11, 2019. Rate offers received after these dates and/or not submitted in accordance with this RFO will not be accepted.

Industrial Funding Fee (IFF):

1. Domestic IFF: A 3.50% IFF is due on the total net transportation charges billable to the Government (includes line-haul, accessorial, packing charges, fuel surcharges, etc... and Storage-in-Transit (SIT) (to include first day of storage, each additional day of storage and pickup and delivery (drayage))). A 3.50% IFF is also due on the total net charges billable to the Government for the shipment of Privately Owned Vehicles (POVs). An IFF is not assessed against Unaccompanied Air Baggage (UAB) shipments unless an agreement has been developed. Please refer to Section 2-7.6 of this RFO for additional information on the application of the IFF.

2. International IFF: A 3.50% IFF is due on the total net transportation charges billable to the Government (includes line-haul, accessorial, packing charges, fuel surcharges, etc... and SIT (to include first day of storage, each additional day of storage and pickup and delivery (drayage))). A 3.50% IFF is also due on the total net charges billable to the Government for the shipment of POVs. An IFF is not assessed against UAB shipments unless an agreement has been developed. Please refer to Section 2-7.6 of this RFO for additional information on the application of the IFF.

HTOS: The HTOS is being issued and distributed along with this RFO and has an effective date of November 1, 2018. Revisions are identified in the “Revisions Made in New Issuances of the HTOS” table, but TSPs are strongly encouraged to review the HTOS with an effective date of November 1, 2018 in its entirety. In addition to this distribution, it will soon also be accessible at <https://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/103864>.

GSA Domestic 500A Tariff (GSA500A): The GSA500A-2018 Tariff is also being issued and distributed along with this RFO and has an effective date of November 1, 2018. Revisions are identified in the “Revisions Made in New Issuances of the GSA500A” table. Revisions include an approximate 3.149616335% increase to most rates and charges contained in Appendix B: Baseline Rate Tariff Files of the GSA500A-2018. In addition to this distribution, it will also soon be accessible at <https://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/103864>.

Changes to Existing Non-Alternating and Alternating, Agency Specific Standing Route Orders (SROs): Changes have been made to the SROs for the Department of the Treasury, Administrative Resource Center (ARCWV), the U.S. Postal Service (USPDC) and the Department of State (DOSDD, DOSDC, DOSHW and DOSSA). Please note that several new destinations serviced under DOSSA have been added and that N’Djamena (Destination Code of 2730) has been removed. Changes are identified in Section 3 of this RFO and have been highlighted in “red;” however, TSPs should review Section 3 of this RFO in its entirety for all Agency Specific requirements and changes.

POV Recall Requirements: Due to the status of POV recalls which involve electrical systems and could potentially start a fire resulting in damage to the POV and/or other property, GSA is encouraging TSPs to work with each individual Agency on protocols for accepting POV shipments. It is noted that employees, Agencies, and/or TSPs may check a POV recall status at the following website by entering a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN): www.nhtsa.gov/recalls.

Mileage Application: Effective November 1, 2018, Web Based Version 31 of ALK Technologies, Inc. will apply (see 2-7.1.1. of this RFO for additional information and application).

International Performance Bond: All TSPs approved to provide International General Transportation and International Move Management Services are required as part of their filings to furnish a performance bond in accordance with Section 2-4.8 of the HTOS and subject to the provisions of Section 1-4 of this RFO. The performance bond MUST clearly identify that the bond is in force for the period **November 1, 2018 through October 31, 2019**, or later. A Certification of Continuation of Bond is acceptable. **A performance bond or Certification of Continuation of Bond currently on file does not satisfy this requirement and copies will not be accepted.** TSPs filing international rate offers are also required to adhere to the performance bond provisions outlined in Section 1.4.1.3.1. of this RFO. Performance bonds must be submitted prior to the transmission of rate offers as the system will not validate submitted rate offers without a valid bond on file.

Fuel Policy:

1. For domestic shipments, please refer to Item 16 of the GSA500A.

2. For international shipments, the TSP can only be compensated for a fuel surcharge on that portion of the shipment handled under traffic in the conterminous U.S. to the port or from the port to a point in the conterminous U.S. The fuel surcharge shall be calculated in accordance with the Fuel Policy identified in Item 16 of the GSA500A. In the event the shipment is transported from origin to port or port to destination on an ocean line through bill of lading, the TSP is not entitled to the GSA fuel surcharge calculation and can only pass through any fuel surcharge that may be generated from the ocean line. The TSP must provide a copy of the original bill to the Agency for reimbursement.

Fuel Surcharge for UAB Shipments: A TSP may charge as a separate line item a fuel surcharge for UAB shipments. TSPs must provide a copy of the original airway bill to the Agency for reimbursement. Any excessive costs charged by foreign or overseas air carriers will be negotiated and paid at the discretion of the Agency. There is no fuel surcharge calculation for land transportation for UAB. Please refer to Section 3 of this RFO for Department of State requirements.

Bunker Fuel Surcharges: A TSP may charge as a separate line item a fuel surcharge for bunker charges on international shipments and/or Alaskan water charges. The TSP must provide a copy of the original bill to the Agency for reimbursement. Please refer to Section 3 of this RFO for Department of State requirements.

Snow Removal Clarification: Unless it is for TSP convenience, snow removal is the responsibility of the relocating employee. If a TSP runs in to issues with this, they are to immediately contact the Bill of Lading Issuing Officer (BLIO).

Submission of Rate Offers: All rate offers in TMSS automatically expire on October 31, 2018. If a TSP does not want to make any changes to their currently filed rate offers, but wants them to become effective again on November 1, 2018, the TSP must go in to TMSS and “carry over” their rate offers as identified in #1 below. If a TSP does not “carry over” existing rate offers or does not upload new rate offers during the Initial Filing window, any rate offers currently in TMSS will be deleted from TMSS effective November 1, 2018. Rate offers effective during the Supplemental Filing period of May 1, 2019 do not require a change; however, TSPs have the option to modify existing rate offers and/or to add new rate offers during the Supplemental Filing window.

TSPs have four (4) different options when filing rate offers:

1. Utilize the rate filing capabilities of TMSS:
 - TSPs must have access to the “HHG Rate Filing” module within TMSS. A firm’s TMSS Group Administrator can give access to this module. Once the “HHG Rate Filing” module has been accessed, a continuation of rate offers button will be displayed as a pop-up screen. The message will prompt the TSP to either

- accept or reject all rate offers to be carried over to the next rate filing cycle
- If a TSP accepts the continuance of rate offers, TMSS will display a statement that rate offers will be carried over during the nightly batch process. TMSS will also display a message to the TSP identifying the number of records that were carried over;
- If a TSP wishes to change an existing rate offer or add a new rate offer after submitting the request to carry over rate offers, the TSP may go into the “HHG Rate Filing” module the **following day** and do so; and
- If a TSP rejects the continuance of rate offers, the rate filing module screens will be displayed so that the TSP may begin the rate filing process.

2. Utilize the Format Requirements and Electronic Submission instructions found in Sections 6 and 7 of this RFO.

3. Utilize the “HHG Spreadsheet” from the TMSS Main page. This spreadsheet will allow for the download of a copy of the existing rate offers. TSPs may then make additions and/or deletions prior to re-uploading it for validation and acceptance.

4. Utilize the services of a Rate Filing Service Provider (RFSP).

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