SECTION 2  
REQUEST FOR OFFERS

2-1. Application of HTOS.  
This Request for Offers (RFO) and any resulting rate offer(s) are subject to the provisions of the General Services Administration’s (GSA’s) Household Goods Tender of Service (HTOS), dated September 26, 2017, with an effective date of January 1, 2018, supplements thereto and reissues thereof.

2-2. Federal Agency Authorized to Use.  
2-2.1. Application.  
This RFO and any resulting rate offer(s) are for the account of the U.S. Government and authorized cost reimbursable contractors, except when the relocation involves uniformed personnel of the Department of Defense, its contractors and uniformed personnel of the U.S. Coast Guard or Public Health Service.  
2-2.2. Exception (Reserved).

The rates and charges offered and accepted pursuant to this RFO are applicable to shipments routed pursuant to any formal contract providing for Move Management Services awarded by GSA or a Federal Civilian, non-DOD Agency to the extent provided in the contract. Section 2-7.6, Industrial Funding Fee (IFF) applies to such shipments.

2-4. Definitions.  
2-4.1. Household Goods Tender of Service (HTOS).  
The Household Goods Tender of Service (HTOS) dated September 26, 2017, with an effective date of January 1, 2018, supplements thereto and reissues thereof is available on the HTOS, RFO and GSA500A Reference Library link on GSA’s website.  
2-4.2. GSA Domestic 500A-2017 Tariff (GSA500A).  
This is the term applied to the source document for the filing of domestic rate offers under this RFO.  
2-4.3. Domestic Transportation.  
The movement of a relocated Government employee’s household goods (HHG) between points in the United States (U.S.) (including the District of Columbia and Alaska but excluding Hawaii) and between points in the U.S. (including the District of Columbia and Alaska but excluding Hawaii) and points in Canada.  
2-4.3.1. Code D: Domestic Household Goods.  
Movement of HHG in a Motor Van or Container from origin residence to destination residence. The actual mode of service is at the discretion of the Transportation Service Provider (TSP). TSPs must advise the Bill of Lading Issuing Officer (BLIO) of their intent to containerize a shipment. When the TSP elects to containerize the shipment at their discretion, it will be at no additional cost to the Agency. As with all shipments moved under CHAMP and the GSA500A, responsibility for the shipment remains with the TSP to whom the Bill of Lading was issued.  
2-4.3.2. Code C: Domestic Household Goods.  
Movement of HHG in a Container (supplied by the TSP) from origin residence to destination residence when specifically requested by the Agency. Use of commercial best practice containers is authorized (see provisions of Section 2-7.2.1.1.1.). Shipments must always be containerized, will never be owner packed and cannot be left unsecured or outdoors. Containerization must be completed at the owner’s residence unless the BLIO authorizes, in writing, containerization at TSP/Agent warehouse. As with all shipments moved under CHAMP and the GSA500A Tariff, responsibility for the shipment remains with the TSP to whom the Bill of Lading was issued.
2-4.4. **International Transportation.**
This is the term applied to door-to-door container movement of HHG in lift vans between the conterminous United States (including the District of Columbia, Alaska and Canada) and an international country or off-shore location, or between two international countries or off-shore locations in lift vans. A TSP provides complete through service from origin residence to destination residence by surface ocean means.

2-4.5. **General Transportation Services.**
This is the term applied to transportation and accessorial services normally associated with a HHG move, such as set out in interstate and intrastate tariffs or the HTOS.

2-4.6. **Move Management Services (MMS).**
This is the term applied to a MMS Provider’s arrangement, coordination, and monitoring of each relocating employee’s HHG move, from initial notification of shipment booking through delivery at destination. Services as identified in Section 2-6 and HTOS Section 6 will be provided within a TSP’s approved scope of operations. No brokering of shipments will be allowed.

2-4.7. **Transportation Service Provider (TSP).**
This term applies to any participating TSP or forwarder that is approved in the Centralized Household Goods Traffic Management Program (CHAMP), Domestic and/or International, to provide General Transportation Services or MMS.

2-4.8. **Special Agency Provisions.**
Special Agency provisions cited in this RFO are defined as specific terms and conditions applicable to a particular Federal department or Agency.

2-4.9. **Bill of Lading Issuing Officer (BLIO).**
This term applies to the individual or his/her designated representative within the shipping or receiving Agency responsible for HHG traffic management functions.

2-4.10. **Unaccompanied Air Baggage (UAB).**
This term applies to necessary personal items that are taken to a relocating employee’s new duty station before their shipment of HHG arrives. The determination of items considered as UAB is at the discretion of each Agency. UAB shipments will be post audited based on the following formula: dimension of container divided by 166 (converts to volume kilogram) x 0.4536 x base line rate x TSP percentage. Volume weight is defined as the length times the width times the height (in inches), divided by 166 and multiplied by 0.4536. Where gross weight exceeds volume weight, the TSP must charge for gross weight.

2-4.11. **DUNS Number.**
This term applies to a Data Universal Number System. DUNS numbers are issued by Dun & Bradstreet and consist of nine digits.

2-5. **Filing Possibilities.**

2-5.1. **Filing Instructions.**
Instructions for the submission of rate offers are set out in Section 6 and Section 7.

2-5.2. **General Government Rates or Charges.**
TSPs submitting rate offers pursuant to this RFO may file rate offers that apply to all Federal agencies. The term *general government* will be used to describe such rate offers. Rate offers submitted may be for the TSP’s full scope of operation or any part thereof.

2-5.3. **Agency Specific Rates or Charges.**
TSPs submitting rate offers pursuant to this RFO may file rate offers that apply to a specific Federal Agency as defined in Section 3 and Section 5. The term *Agency Specific* will be used to describe such rate offers. Rate offers submitted may be for the TSP’s full scope of operation or any part thereof.

2-5.3.1. **Application of Rates.**
Agency Specific rate offers will apply only to shipments for which the specific agency/bureau/location identified in Section 3 and Section 5, issues the Government Bill of Lading (GBL)/Commercial Bill of Lading (CBL)/Bill of Lading (BL).

2-5.4. **Combination of General Government and Agency Specific.**
TSPs submitting rate offers pursuant to this RFO may file rate offers that apply for both general government and Agency Specific. If the TSP files both general government and Agency specific rate offers, the TSP may base its submission on any part or parts of its approved scope of operation without regard to
consistency between general government and Agency Specific. For example, a TSP with an approved scope of operation of all domestic service areas may offer general government rates and charges between all domestic service areas, but offer Agency Specific rates and charges between only two (2) service areas for Federal Agency X, while offering Agency Specific rates and charges between four (4) different service areas for Federal Agency Y.

2-5.5. Alternating Agency Specific Standing Route Order (SRO) Rate Offers. TSPs may file alternating, Agency Specific SRO rate offers as identified in Section 5-1. Alternating SRO rate offers will apply specifically to those Federal agencies/bureaus/offices identified in Section 5-1 and may alternate with any other accepted rate offer.

2-5.6. Non-Alternating Agency Specific SRO Rate Offers. TSPs may file non-alternating, Agency Specific SRO rate offers as identified in Section 3 and Section 5-1. Non-alternating SRO rate offers will apply specifically to those Federal agencies/bureaus/offices identified in Section 3 and Section 5-1 and will not alternate with any other accepted rate offer.

2-5.7. Move Management Rate Offers. TSPs submitting rate offers pursuant to this RFO may file rate offers for MMS that apply to all Federal agencies. The term MMS will be used to describe such rate offers. Rate offers submitted may be for the TSP’s full scope of operation or any part thereof.

2-6. Move Management Services (MMS).

In addition to complying with provisions of HTOS Section 6, the MMS Provider (TSP) must also comply with the service, delivery timeframe, billing, reporting, and liability requirements set out elsewhere in the HTOS, as applicable, together with all other requirements set out therein, except to the extent waived by the BLIO as defined in the HTOS.

2-7. Special Provisions Affecting Rates or Charges.

2-7.1 General. Unless otherwise noted, all surface HHG shipments transported pursuant to the provisions of this RFO are deemed to be released at a value equal to $6.00 per pound times the actual total weight (in pounds) of the shipment and a valuation charge will not be assessed in conjunction therewith. There will be no additional cost for this level of service. The provisions in Section 2-7 will apply.

2-7.1.1. ALK Technologies, Inc. Mileage

For rate offers effective January 1, 2018, the percentage stated in the submitting TSP’s rate offer will be based on mileage provided by ALK Technologies, Inc., Web Based Version 31. The parameters to use are:

General: borders closed, shortest mileage

One exception is that GSA has determined that all surface HHG shipments between any point in the United States (including the District of Columbia and Alaska) and a Canadian province will be based on the current Rand McNally mileage in place January 1, 2018.

2-7.1.2. Shipments of Unaccompanied Air Baggage

Unaccompanied air baggage shipments will be packed in Tri-wall containers measuring no more than 15 cubic feet (internal dimensions). In no case shall the carton dimensions vary more than two inches per side (length/width/height) due to the overwrap material and small manufacturing variances in the cardboard. All TSPs must have written approval from the BLIO authorizing any exceptions to the Tri-wall measurements. TSPs who are invoicing for charges other than by gross weight must show the container cube and number of containers on the invoice before a prepayment audit is approved. Where gross weight exceeds volume weight, TSP must charge for gross weight.

2-7.2. Rates or Charges

2-7.2.1. DOMESTIC.

2-7.2.1.1. Household Goods – Code D and Code C

The percentage stated in the submitting TSP’s rate offer represents a linehaul/transportation discount off the total cost of the move for transportation and all accessorials services based on the rates and charges published in the GSA500A for a specific domestic move. The linehaul/transportation discount does not
apply to the GSA IFF, fuel surcharges, charges associated with storage in transit, third party services, or valuation charges when the shipment is declared in excess of the base valuation (See Appendix B of the GSA500A for additional items for which the linehaul/transportation percentage discount does not apply).

2-7.2.1.1. Containerized Shipments:

1. When moving a shipment via a container (either at the TSP’s own discretion (Code D) or when specifically requested by an Agency (Code C)), the TSP agrees to use best commercial practices in selecting containers to safeguard movement of personal property and agrees to use containers that meet Government/Military specifications when required. Any TSP-owned/leased commercially-designed shipping containers are authorized provided they meet or exceed Military Specification PPP-B-601.

2. Security seals must be used on all containerized shipments. All exterior HHG containers/cartons must be sealed with accountable seals at the employee’s residence, unless containerization at the warehouse is authorized in writing by the BLIO. Applicable seal control numbers must be entered on the inventory and cross referenced to each container utilized. The employee must initial the inventory attesting to the correct seal numbers listed on the inventory.

   (a) Wooden containers must have a minimum of four seals per container and seals must secure the access overlap door and side panels.

   (b) Commercially-designed shipping containers of permanent structure must be locked and sealed using a commercially approved tamper-evident device.

2-7.2.1.2. Storage-In-Transit (SIT) Discount.

TSPs submitting rate offers for the movement of HHG must offer a percentage discount applicable to all storage charges, including pickup or delivery out of storage. The storage in transit discount does not apply to the GSA IFF, fuel surcharges charges associated with the line haul transportation and accessorials, third party services, or valuation charges when the shipment is declared in excess of the base valuation. For shipments stored outside the 50 mile radius, the bottom line discount will apply to the pick up or delivery out of storage in transit. (See Appendix B of the GSA500A for additional items for which the SIT percentage discount does not apply).

2-7.2.1.3. Unaccompanied Air Baggage (UAB) - Alaska and Canada Only.

The percentage (%) stated in the submitting TSP’s rate offer for UAB shipments represents a single-factor rate based on the base-line rate set out below per kilogram (kg) volume weight and includes the following services: (a) packing, including use of packing containers and materials from origin to destination; (b) servicing of appliances; and (c) from origin residence all land and air transportation to the destination residence.

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2-7.2.1.4. Privately Owned Vehicle (POV).

2-7.2.1.4.1. Domestic.

The amount stated in the submitting TSP’s rate offer for the shipment of a POV represents a price per mile for vehicles applicable to the following services (a) preparation of vehicle; (b) pickup at origin; (c) transportation from origin to destination; (d) delivery to final destination; and (e) valuation based on the current value of the vehicle.

2-7.2.1.4.2. Minimum Charge.

In those instances when the distance for shipping a POV is less than 300 miles, a minimum charge of 300 times the offered price per mile will apply.

2-7.2.1.4.3. Alaska Only.

The amount stated in the submitting TSP’s rate offer for the shipment of a POV represents a flat price for vehicles applicable to the following services (a) preparation of vehicle; (b) pickup at origin; (c)
transportation from origin to destination; (d) delivery to final destination; and (e) valuation based on the current value of the vehicle.

2-7.2.1.4.4. Vehicle Sizes.
Charge must be offered only on the following sizes and in accordance with Section 2-7.2.1.4.1 and 2-7.2.1.4.3.
1. Category 1 (CAT-1): Vehicles less than 300 cubic feet in physical measurement;
2. Category 2 (CAT-2): Vehicles between 300 and 800 cubic feet in physical measurement; and,
3. Category 3 (CAT-3): Vehicles exceeding 800 cubic feet in physical measurement.

2-7.2.1.4.5. POV Fuel Surcharge.
If the POV is transported on the same truck with the HHG, the TSP is not entitled to charge a separate fuel surcharge for the POV. If the POV is not going to be transported with the HHG, then prior to the commencement of loading the TSP must notify the Federal Agency and receive written approval for the alternate mode and identify that a surcharge maybe required. If the POV is transported via a car hauler and the car hauler charges a fuel surcharge, that surcharge can be passed through to the Federal Agency as a separate line item. The TSP must provide a copy of the original bill to the Agency for reimbursement. If the POV is transported via a separate HHG trailer, the TSP may calculate a surcharge using the standard fuel surcharge calculation identified in this RFO.

2-7.2.2. INTERNATIONAL.
2-7.2.2.1. Household Goods (HHG).
2-7.2.2.1.1. General.
The percentage (%) cited in the submitting TSP’s rate offer for the surface HHG represents a single-factor rate based on the Base-Line Rates specified in Section 2-7.2.2.6 per 100 pounds net weight including full replacement value TSP liability as defined in Section 2-7.5 and HTOS Section 10. The application of rate offers from/to the international point for the surface HHG shipment shall be based on the net weight of the shipment in pounds. Minimum weight is 1,000 pounds.

2-7.2.2.1.2. Services Included.
1. Packing, including use of packing containers and materials from origin to destination, and unpacking. Shipping containers and packing materials furnished by the TSP will remain the property of the TSP.
   (a) Special provisions applicable for LCD, LED, and Plasma Televisions.

   These provisions apply for the packing and shipping of LCD, LED, and Plasma televisions, which are four (4) inches or less in depth and are incapable of standing alone without support (or the use of a base).

   The TSP must utilize the original manufacturer’s shipping container is available and serviceable.

   Crating charges apply only for televisions in excess of 60 inches (diagonal screen size) and if the relocating employee’s original carton is no longer available. Prior to any crating, the TSP must first gain written approval from the BLIO.

   For televisions that are 60 inches or less (diagonal screen size), TSPs are authorized to use cartons which are specially designed to ship LCD, LED, and Plasma televisions. Further, the Transportation Officer can waive, in writing, the crating requirement referenced above at their discretion. When a waiver is granted, the billing must be supported by a copy of the waiver indicating that the Federal Agency waived the 60 inch requirement and that crating was authorized.

2. Servicing and unservicing of appliances, to include front load washing machines.
3. All land, water, and air transportation, EXCEPT:
   (a) additional land transportation charges for shipments picked up or delivered from or to storage-in-transit;
   (b) bunker fuel charges, port congestion surcharges, and/or war risk surcharges where applicable and when actually billed to the TSP by ocean freight TSP pursuant to regularly filed tariff(s) with the Federal Maritime Commission. Such charges will be separately stated on the BL and supported by prorated paid ocean TSP invoices of the actual amount; and,
   (c) shipments of unaccompanied air baggage.
4. Export and import documentation services involving customs clearances.
5. Removal and placement of each article in the residence/warehouse or other building.
6. Hoisting or lowering of an article.
7. Elevator, stair and excessive distance carry, piano/organ carry and/or heavy or bulky item charge (except Item 5 in Section 2-7.2.2.1.3, below).
8. Ferry, tunnel and bridge charges/tolls.

2-7.2.2.1.3. Services Excluded.
1. Storage, waiting time and/or handling charges caused by failure of the origin BLIO to furnish acceptable custom documents or by refusal of customs officials to clear shipment will be billed at charges provided in HTOS, when performed by TSP. When such services are performed by a third party, billing will be at the actual cost charged to the TSP, supported by paid third party invoices when reference applicable rate schedules and/or tariffs when charges are assessed in accordance with such publications.
2. Any Government or public authority ordered charges for inspection, disinfeestation, decontamination, fumigation or demurrage or other charges occasioned by such orders not the fault of the TSP.
3. Servicing of articles requiring services of third parties. Prior to use of third parties, the TSP must get written authorization from the BLIO authorizing the service.
4. When an article cannot be picked up or delivered from a residence by the conventional method (doorways, stairs, elevator to floor) or the structural nature of the residence must be changed to accommodate a pickup or delivery (removal of windows, doors, etc), the TSP, upon approval by the BLIO will be authorized third party service. This exception is directed at the pickups and deliveries from high rise apartment buildings and is not intended to be used for minor hoisting and lowering, such as 1st floor balconies in apartments and single family dwellings.
5. Shipments picked up or delivered to a mini warehouse, which involve a carry in excess of 100 feet between the TSP vehicle and the outside entrance door of the actual storage area, the BLIO may authorize an excessive distance carry charge as defined in the HTOS Section 17.

2-7.2.2.2. Rates and Charges for Accessorial Services.
The rates and charges set out in HTOS Section 12 are base-line rates. The percentage (%) stated in the submitting TSP’s rate offer for accessorial services represents the amount to be charged as a percentage (%) less than, equal to, or greater than the rates and charges set out in HTOS Section 12.

2-7.2.2.3. Rates or Charges For Storage-In-Transit (SIT).
The percentage (%) stated in the submitting TSP’s rate offer for SIT represents the amount to be charged as a percentage (%) less than, equal to, or greater than the rates and charges set out in the HTOS Section 12 for the storage and pickup/delivery, including full replacement value TSP liability in Section 2-7.5.

2-7.2.2.4. Unaccompanied Air Baggage (UAB)
The percentage (%) stated in the submitting TSP’s offer for UAB shipment represents a single-factor rate based on the base-line rate set out in Section 2-7.2.2.6.2.2 per kilogram (kg) volume weight including full replacement value TSP liability as set out in Section 2-7.5 and includes the following services: (a) packing, including use of packing containers and materials from origin to destination; (b) servicing of appliances; and (c) from origin residence all land and air transportation to the destination residence. 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. Exceptions to the UAB surcharge are identified in Section 3.

2-7.2.2.5. Privately Owned Vehicle (POV).
The amount stated in the submitting TSP’s rate offer for the shipment of a POV represents a flat charge applicable to the following services:
(1) preparation of vehicle;
(2) pickup at origin;
(3) transportation from origin to destination;
(4) containerization or below deck storage in the ocean going vessel;
(5) delivery to final destination; and,
(6) valuation based on the current value of the vehicle.

2-7.2.2.5.1. Vehicle Sizes.
The flat charge must be stated in whole dollars and may be offered only on the following sizes:
1. Category 1 (CAT-1): Vehicles less than 300 cubic feet in physical measurement;
2. Category 2 (CAT-2): Vehicles between 300 and 800 cubic feet in physical measurement; and,
3. Category 3 (CAT-3): Vehicles exceeding 800 cubic feet in physical measurement.
2-7.2.2.5.2. 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. POVs with an empty fuel tank and run to a stall are excepted from the requirements of 49CFR 176.905. POVs cannot be shipped with more than one quarter of a tank of flammable fuel under any circumstance.

2-7.2.2.5.3. Application of Transit Time.
Transit time schedules for both the domestic and international programs are identified in HTOS Section 10.

2-7.2.2.5.3.1. Transit Time Penalty.
In the event that the TSP fails to meet the transit times, it must notify the Federal Agency as applicable, within 24-hours of the delay. The TSP shall be responsible for arranging for, or the reimbursement of, a rental car on behalf of the transferee. Reimbursement or the rental of a like vehicle will be limited to a vehicle of the same, or comparable, size/model as being shipped by the transferee. The BLIO has the authority to waive the penalty in whole or in part based on circumstances of the delay.

2-7.2.2.5.4. POV Transit Time Exceptions.
HTOS Section 10.3 identifies exceptions to POV transit times for specific identified locations.

2-7.2.2.6. Base-Line Rates.
2-7.2.2.6.1. Surface.

2-7.2.2.6.1.1. Surface Base-Line Rate Table.
The following base-line rate table is applicable to the HHG effects surface shipments.

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2-7.2.2.6.2.2. Unaccompanied Air Baggage (UAB)
The following base-line rate table is applicable to the shipment of UAB.

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2-7.3. Application of Rates or Charges.
Rates/Charges applicable to a specific shipment will be those in effect on the date of pickup. In those instances where the submitting TSP does not offer a rate offer, it will be construed as NO RESPONSE.

2-7.3.1. Exception.
Except in supplemental filings, items left blank will indicate NO CHANGE.

2-7.3.2. Unaccompanied Air Baggage (UAB).
Rates or charges applicable to UAB will apply when shipped independent of surface HHG.
2-7.3.3. Privately Owned Vehicles (POV).
Rates or charges applicable to POV will apply when shipped independent of the surface HHG.

2.7.4. Alaska Only.

2-7.4.1. Combination of Rate Offers - Applies to Domestic Shipments Only

2-7.4.1.1. Accepted Rate Offer Does Not Include Alaska Service Areas (RFO Section 5-2).

In the event that a TSP handles a shipment between points in the conterminous United States and Alaska and it does not have any rate offers accepted by GSA for such a movement, the applicable charges shall be based on a combination of the rate offers set out in the TSP’s accepted rate offers between Service Area 2 and Service Areas 1 through 16, inclusive, and of the charges in the GSA500A applicable for Alaska, including Section 6 of the applicable GSA500A, supplements thereto and reissues thereof; provided, however, these charges will alternate with all other applicable combination or through rate offers and/or charges that a TSP may have on file on the date that a shipment is picked-up.

2-7.4.1.2. Accepted Rate Offer Includes Alaska Service Areas (RFO Section 5-2).

The provisions of Section 2-7.4.1.1 do not apply when GSA has accepted a TSP’s rate offer to handle shipments between points in the conterminous United States, Service Area 1 through 16, inclusive, and Alaska Service Areas defined in Section 5-2.

2.7.5. Released Value.

2-7.5.1. General.

2-7.5.1.1. Surface and Unaccompanied Air Baggage Released (UAB) Value.

Unless otherwise noted, all surface and UAB applicable to domestic and international shipments are deemed to be released at Full Replacement Value.

2-7.5.1.2. Privately Owned Vehicle Released Value.

Unless otherwise noted, all POV shipments applicable to domestic and international shipments are released at current market value.

2-7.5.1.3. Cost included in TSP’s offer.

The cost of providing Full Replacement Value as defined in this provision will be included in the TSP’s rate offer. Except as provided in Sections 2-7.5.2.2. and 2-7.5.3.2., a TSP may not charge a Federal Agency for Full Replacement Value.

2-7.5.2. DOMESTIC.

2-7.5.2.1. Transportation.

All domestic shipments moving pursuant to CHAMP, unless as otherwise noted in this RFO, are released at the base Full Replacement Value of $6.00 times the net weight of the shipment in pounds applicable to both shipments in transit and SIT.

2-7.5.2.2. Employee’s Increase in Base Valuation.

The employee has the right to increase the value in excess of the base Full Replacement Value established by this provision and in accordance with the following.

2-7.5.2.2.1. Transportation.

In the event that the employee declares a value greater than the base Full Replacement Value, a Full Value Protection Service Shipment Charge of $0.85 per $100 will apply on that portion of the valuation declared in excess of shipments released value of $6.00 times the weight.

2-7.5.2.2.2. Storage-in-Transit.

In the event that the employee declares a value greater than the base Full Replacement Value, a Full Value Protection Service Storage Liability Charge of $0.18 per $100 will apply on that portion of the valuation declared in excess of shipments released value of $6.00 times the weight.

2-7.5.3. INTERNATIONAL.

2-7.5.3.1. Transportation.

All international shipments moving pursuant to CHAMP, unless as otherwise noted in this RFO, are released at a base Full Replacement Value of $6.00 times the net weight of the shipment in pounds applicable to both shipments in transit and SIT.

2-7.5.3.2. Employee’s Increase in Base Valuation.

The employee has the right to increase the value in excess of the base Full Replacement Value established by this provision and in accordance with the following.

2-7.5.3.2.1. Transportation.
In the event that the employee declares a value greater than the base Full Replacement Value, a Full Value Protection Service Shipment Charge of $0.85 per $100 will apply on that portion of the valuation declared in excess of shipments released value of $6.00 times the weight.

2-7.5.3.2.2. Storage-in-Transit.

In the event that the employee declares a value greater than the base Full Replacement Value, a Full Value Protection Service Storage Liability Charge of $0.18 per $100 will apply on that portion of the valuation declared in excess of shipments released value of $6.00 times the weight.

2-7.6. GSA Industrial Funding Fee (IFF)

The 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)). IFF is also due on the total net charges billable to the government for the shipment of POVs.

2-7.6.1. Amount of Charge.

2-7.6.1.1. Domestic.

For domestic shipments, the GSA IFF will be 3.50% of the total net transportation charges (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)) per shipment and 3.50% of the total net POV charges per shipment subject to the following provisions. An IFF is not assessed against UAB shipments unless an agreement has been developed.

2-7.6.1.2. International.

For international shipments, the GSA IFF will be 3.50% of the total net transportation charges (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)) per shipment and 3.50% of the total net POV charges per shipment subject to the following provisions. An IFF is not assessed against UAB shipments unless an agreement has been developed.

2-7.6.2. Cost Included in TSP’s Rate Offer.

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

2-7.6.3. First Shipment.

The first shipment of a relocation performed pursuant to the HTOS is defined as a surface shipment of HHG effects, shipment of a POV, or UAB, all or any one of which are tendered to the TSP by the shipping Federal Agency as the first component of a shipment for a relocating employee. On a multiple element domestic or international shipment at Government expense (either all or some combination of HHG, POV, or UAB), GSA’s IFF will be assessed against both the HHG element of the net transportation charges (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)) and the POV element of the total net POV charges. An IFF is not assessed against UAB shipments unless an agreement has been developed. If there are multiple HHG and/or POV shipments, an IFF is assessed on each HHG shipment and each POV shipment.

2-7.6.4. Supplemental Shipments.

A supplemental shipment of a relocation performed pursuant to the HTOS is defined as any surface shipment, including a POV, or UAB tendered to the TSP by the shipping Federal Agency after the tender of the first component of a shipment for a relocating employee. On a multiple element domestic or international shipment at Government expense (either all or some combination of HHG, POV, or UAB), GSA’s IFF will be assessed against both the HHG element of the net transportation charges (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)) and the POV element of the total net POV charge. An IFF is not assessed against UAB shipments unless an agreement has been developed. If there are multiple HHG and/or POV shipments, an IFF is assessed on each HHG shipment and each POV shipment.

2-7.6.5. Payment of Charge.

The TSP will remit the IFF to GSA on a calendar year quarter basis in accordance with the terms of the HTOS. IFF payments remitted to GSA by approved CHAMP TSPs will be based on the number of shipments (HHG and POV) billed pursuant to CHAMP for which service was performed. Calculation of the IFF should be rounded out two decimal points. (example: .345 rounded to .35; .322 rounded to .32)
2-7.6.6. Verification of IFF.
To ensure that the IFF is correctly applied to the calendar year quarter for which submission is received, the check or attached documentation must identify the quarter (i.e. 1stqtr00, 3rdqtr00), and the GBL/CBL/BL number or include with the IFF submission a copy of the shipment report containing such information.

2-7.6.7. Failure to Submit IFF.
Failure to submit the Industrial Funding Fee due GSA for HHG and POV shipments handled, will result in immediate placement of the TSP in temporary non-use status pending revocation of the TSP’s approval.

2-7.7. Electronic GSA Form 3080.
In accordance with HTOS Section 7.5.1, TSPs MUST initiate an electronic GSA Form 3080 via the Transportation Management Services Solution (TMSS) system for all shipments moved in accordance with this RFO (HHG, UAB and POV).

2-7.8. Extended Storage.
Rate offers will apply into the TSP warehouse for extended storage. Rates for monthly extended storage per each hundred pounds and rates for full value protection per each $100 of value must be negotiated between the TSP and the Federal Agency.

The Fly America Act of 1974 (49 U.S.C. 40118) mandates the use of U.S air carriers for all cargo air transportation funded by the U.S. Government. One exception, however, is when the transportation is provided in accordance with a bilateral or multilateral air transport agreement under which both the U.S. Government and a foreign country’s government are parties. In addition, the Department of Transportation must have determined that the bilateral or multilateral air transport agreement satisfies the Fly America requirements.

The U.S. Government has in place several of these agreements that currently allow federally funded transportation of cargo to utilize foreign air carriers in certain circumstances. To prevent from having to update the Federal Management Regulations (FMR) each time a new agreement is entered into, GSA recently issued a Final Rule, 79 FR 33474, that directs agencies and TSPs to the Department of State’s web-based site at http://www.state.gov/e/eb/tra/ata/index.htm for information relating to these agreements. This was added in 41 CFR Part 102-117.135.

In addition, §102-117.15 To whom does this part apply? and other provisions of §102-117.135 were updated. §102-117.135 also identifies circumstances when the use of a foreign air carrier may be allowed when a bilateral or multilateral agreement does not exist.

Requests for permission to use a Foreign Flag carrier shall be made to the BLIO on the form “Justification Certificate for use of Foreign Flag Vessel/Carrier” in Appendix C of the HTOS.

Failure to file a Foreign Flag waiver using the “Justification Certificate for the use of a Foreign Vessel/Carrier” in Attachment C of the HTOS when a Foreign Flag carrier requiring a waiver is used may result in the immediate placement of a TSP in a temporary non-use status.

2-9. Withdrawal of Accepted Rate Offers.
The following provision applies: accepted rate offers may be withdrawn from the GSA Cost Comparison data base upon a TSP’s failure to meet HTOS requirements and/or pending temporary non-use, suspension and/or debarment in accordance with 41 CFR 102-117. In those instances where shipment takes place after the effective date of withdrawal, the TSP’s accepted rate offer(s) will apply and remain in effect until either the TSP has been terminated for performance by the BLIO or the TSP’s approval to participate in CHAMP has been revoked by the Program Management Office (PMO) (See HTOS Sections 2.17, 2.18, and 3.2).

2-10. 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 the RFO for up to ninety (90) calendar days.
2-11. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE OF THE GOVERNMENT.
The Government, by written notice, may completely or partially terminate a TSP’s performance of work under the BL and remove its rate offer(s) in accordance with the RFO and relevant HTOS provisions when it is in the Government’s best interest. If a rate offer(s) is removed, the Government shall be liable only for payment for TSP services rendered before the effective date of the TSP’s termination. Upon removal of the rate offer as provided in the HTOS, the TSP shall be paid any sum due the TSP for services performed under this rate offer to the date of the TSP’s termination by the BLIO, and in the event of partial termination shall be paid in accordance with the terms of this rate offer for any services furnished under the portion of the rate offer that is not removed; provided, however, any such payments shall be without prejudice to any claim which the Government may have against the TSP under the provisions of the HTOS or otherwise and the Government shall have the right to offset any such claims against such payment.