

September 5, 2008 (Amended September 12, 2008)

Dear Transportation Service Provider:

This Request for Offers (RFO) transmits the Filing Instructions (FI) for the submission of non-alternating rate offers on behalf of the United States Department of Commerce, Economics and Statistics Administration, U. S. Census Bureau, National Processing Center, Jeffersonville, IN (Census Bureau). Rate offers filed in response to this RFO and its FI will be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the General Services Administration's (GSA's) Standard Tender of Service (STOS), this RFO and its FI. Please note that in some instances this RFO and its FI will deviate from and will supersede those published in the STOS, supplements and reissues thereto.

The Census Bureau has a requirement for air freight shipments weighing up to 5,000 pounds from all points in Continental United States (CONUS), Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, Virgin Islands, Philippine Islands and Puerto Rico to all points in CONUS, Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, Virgin Islands, Philippine Islands and Puerto Rico. Commodities being shipped as freight-all-kind (FAK) excluding Class A & B explosives, ammunition, and hazardous or dangerous commodities. **Rates accepted in accordance with this RFO and its FI will apply only to those shipments where the primary method of transportation is via air. If the same shipment could be delivered within the required delivery dates via another mode, rates accepted in accordance with this RFO and its FI cannot be used. The Census Bureau will consider rates contained in the Transportation Management Services Solution (TMSS) system for surface shipments.**

Rate offers are being requested for Priority Service/Next Flight, Next Day Service, and Second Day Service. All rate offers MUST be submitted as Door-to-Door rates including all taxes.

Only those Transportation Service Providers (TSPs) that have met GSA's approval requirements per the STOS 1-F Section 2, Participation, may submit a rate offer in accordance with this RFO and its FI.

Rates MUST be submitted for all origins/destinations requested in this RFO and its FI. TSPs submitting rate offers MUST be able to service all points in all identified states/territories.

TSPs submitting rate offers in accordance with this RFO and its FI will be required to submit to GSA on a quarterly basis a 4% Transaction Fee and Shipment Report (see Sections 5 and 6 for additional information.)

Rate offers submitted in response to this RFO and its FI are due by 4:30 p.m. Pacific Standard Time (PST), September 22, 2008 and must be in accordance with Sections 7 and 8 and Appendices A, B, C, D and E. Rate offers received after this date and/or not submitted in accordance with this RFO and its FI will not be accepted.

Offers accepted in accordance with this RFO and its FI will be for the period October 1, 2008 through October 31, 2009, with an option to extend from November 1, 2009 through October 31, 2010.

Questions may be directed to either Sharon Eckroth at (415) 522-2845, sharon.eckroth@gsa.gov or to myself at (816) 823-3646, robyn.bennett@gsa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures