

August 4, 2011 (Amended)

Dear Transportation Service Providers (TSPs):

This Request for Offers (RFO) transmits the Filing Instructions (FI) for the submission of non-alternating rate offers on behalf of and paid by the Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration Memorial Program Cemetery Monuments for freight-all-kinds (FAK) traffic. 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, General Freight Tender of Service No. 1-F (GSA TOS No. 1-F), supplements and reissues thereto. Rate offers accepted in response to this RFO and its FI will be for the filing period of **October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012.**

Traffic to be included under this RFO and its FI will be FAK weighing up to 5,000 pounds from points in the Continental United States, (CONUS) to all points in CONUS, Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico. Commodities will be shipped as freight-all-kinds (FAK) excluding Class A & B explosives, ammunition, and hazardous or dangerous commodities.

All Transportation Service Providers (TSPs) who have met GSA's approval requirements per the STOS 1-F Section 2, Participation, may submit rate offers in accordance with this RFO and its FI. Rate Filing Service Providers (RFSP) who have a valid Trading Partner Agreement on file with the Program Management Office (PMO) and have met all other approval requirements established by GSA may act as a RFSP on behalf of approved firms. Rate offers submitted in response to this RFO and its FI must be submitted to GSA in accordance with Sections 9, & 10 - **NO PAPER RATE OFFERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

TSPs and RFSPs have the option of submitting rates per Section 11 and 12 or by utilizing the rate filing capabilities of GSA's Transportation Management Services Solution system (TMSS). TSPs and RFSPs are highly encouraged to file rates early in the filing period to assure sufficient time to correct unacceptable rate filings prior to the close date of August 29, 2011

Please note the following significant items:

1. Section 10-11 RATES FILED: Has been amended to read “Specifically for **surface shipments** **of** VA MEMORIAL PROGRAM CEMETERY MONUMENTS, if interested in those specific origin facilities.”

Attached you will find copy of insert 1 for the 2011-2012 RFO for VA Memorial Program Cemetery Monuments. Please remove pages 12 and 13 and replace them with the updated pages attached. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Questions dealing with the submission of electronic rate offers should be directed to Jim Stroup at 816-823-3646 or via e-mail at jim.stroup@gsa.gov.

Sincerely,
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