

Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command

Customer and Carrier Advisory

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Subject: Railcar Automated Loading Estimator System (RALES) Accessibility in Defense Freight Routing & Request Order (DFRRO)

Purpose: To Advise Shippers of the availability of RALES inside DFRRO when submitting a rail solicitation.

Be Advised: THIS ADVISORY TAKES EFFECT IMMEDIATELY. A link for the RALES application for rail load plan/rail car requirement estimates is now readily available inside the DFRRO application where rail solicitations are submitted.

1. You will need a login to access DFRRO inside the PAT tool.
2. All Installation Transportation Office (ITO) personnel authorized to order transportation and issue Commercial Bills of Ladings (CBL) must request access to the TEAMS BSCM (PAT/JCM) – DFRRO application in order to submit all rail Large Volume Move (LVM) DD1085 negotiation and cost estimate requests.
3. **To register for a TEAMS account:** Users can request access to BSCM by going to TEAMS (<https://eta-teams.transport.mil/teams/login>) and either selecting the "Register as New User" link for those that do not have a TEAMS account, or selecting the "New App Request" link and selecting BSCM – PAT/JCM from the "Available APPS" list.
4. **All Users:** Please use the following statement for justification when completing you registration "Require access to DFRRO application in BSCM – PAT/JCM to perform traffic management duties and/or carrier bids in response to domestic 500000 series negotiated tender solicitations. Shipper applicants registering for the DFRRO application outside this initial release effort must also include their GBLOC and Service/Agency in the justification. TSP applicants, please provide your SCAC.
5. **SDDC POCs:** For issues related to the DD1085 LVM negotiation process or submitting the TO user list, please contact Special Requirements Branch via email at usarmy.scott.sddc.mbx.negotiations-team@army.mil
6. For issues related to PAT-DFRRO application access/usability, please contact the PAT Helpdesk via the "Contact Us" link located in PAT or via email at usarmy.scott.sddc.mbx.pat-helpdesk@army.mil.
7. When logging into DFRRO to create/submit a rail solicitation, a link for RALES will be available towards the top right of the webpage. If you do not have a Vantage Account, you will need to create one.

8. For requesting a Vantage Account or RALES specific training, please reach out the SDDC POC listed below.

9. **RALES load plans are estimates. All RALES load plans shall be reviewed for accuracy prior to ordering railcars.**

SDDC POC:

Rail Fleet Management: usarmy.scott.sddc.mbx.dodx@army.mil

Rail Fleet Operations: 618-220-1730

Reference: SDDC CA Announce Pending Release of Domestic Freight Routing Request and Order (DFRRO) Application for Rail Negotiated Shipment Requests CA 21-02-11/0014

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