

Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command

Customer and Carrier Advisory

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Subject: Use of Overrides to Move Domestic Freight Shipments via Motor

Purpose: To remind traffic managers and shipping activities of the requirement to seek full and open competition when routing cargo via the Domestic Tender Program.

Be Advised: For domestic movements, traffic managers and shipping activities will seek full and open competition to the maximum extent possible from qualified carriers.

DoD activities will use best commercial practices and streamline "best-value" acquisition processes and include performance-based specifications when acquiring transportation services.

The Defense Transportation Regulation (DTR) defines best value as the use of a procurement evaluation that, in the Government's estimation, provides the greatest overall benefit in response to the requirement. The Best Value evaluation and selection mechanism permits the Government to select TSPs to support Defense Transportation System (DTS) requirements based on a combination of price-related and non-price-related factors (such as performance).

Tenders are generally best suited for simple procurements where best value is deemed the low-cost, responsive carrier. The SDDC Voluntary Tenders System is an electronic system where SDDC-qualified carriers can submit rates for transportation or related services into SDDC's database system that allows the Transportation Officer (TO) to access rates and route traffic movements without submitting special requirement documents. Currently, this system is the Global Freight Management (GFM) system.

The appointed TO may authorize the use of the automated system's override feature in accordance with applicable Service-level guidance and policies. TOs must maintain written justification for each shipment conducted using the override feature for a minimum of three years from the shipment pickup date for post payment audit purposes.

Excessive use of the override function should be avoided as overrides do not promote "full and open competition". Additionally, overrides may significantly increase cost to the government.

DoD shippers are reminded that only DoD approved freight carriers having an active paper or electronic Tender of Freight Services on file that is approved by the United States Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM) or SDDC within GFM and/or a Global Heavyweight Service (GHS), Commercial Multi-Modal (MM), Civil Reserve Air Fleet (CRAF) Charter, or Next Generation Delivery Services (NGDS) contract for domestic and international package delivery services are authorized for use when routing cargo. A list of DoD-approved carriers can be accessed in real time through GFM at the DoD Approved Carrier List Application.

Information related to the use of overrides is compiled as part of SDDC's Shipper Process Metrics (SPM) Program. This program identifies GBLOCs that frequently utilize the override function to move freight. Government personnel may request to be added to the monthly distribution listing for these reports by contacting the SPM Program Manager at usarmy.scott.sddc.mbx.g3-shipper-performance@army.mil.

Reference: DTR Part II, Chapter 201, General Cargo Movement Provisions, and Chapter 202, Cargo Routing and Movement

POC: SDDC G3 Freight Management Team, usarmy.scott.sddc.mbx.g3-domestic-freight-services-branch@army.mil

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