

Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command

Customer and Carrier Advisory

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Subject: Upcoming Domestic Tender Program Training for Shippers and Government Transportation Personnel

Purpose: Provide DoD Transportation Officers (TO), Transportation Agents/Assistants (TA), and other government shipping office staff with detailed training on the Domestic Tender Program.

Be Advised: Each year, DoD shippers utilize SDDC's Domestic Tender Program to ship an average of 254k shipments within CONUS. Under this program, traffic managers and shipping activities should seek full and open competition to the maximum extent possible from qualified Transportation Service Providers (TSP). Shippers may do this via one of three means; movement via Voluntary tender, Spot Bid on the Web, or Negotiated Shipment.

SDDC G3 will lead a five session training series focused on the Domestic Tender Program. Sessions will be held on Microsoft Teams on Wednesdays beginning 15 October and running through 12 November. Information will be presented by SDDC G3 and G6. This voluntary training is open to ITOs, TAs, and DoD Freight Rate Specialists. Although it is strongly encouraged, participants need not attend all sessions. This training is not open to industry partners.

To register for the session(s), please send an email to the SDDC Outreach and Engagement Team at usarmy.scott.sddc.mbx.g3-shipper-session@army.mil and request an invite to the session(s). The meeting invite will be sent out the Wednesday before the training is scheduled to take place. Each session will take place in TEAMS from 1300-1430 Central Time. Your email address must have a .mil or .gov extension to attend. All others will be denied. Session content is outlined below.

Topic One: Domestic Tender Program Overview

Date: 15 Oct

- Roles and responsibilities
- Definitions
- Procurement authorities
- Tender program overview
- Awards & non-selections
- Overrides
- Cost Disputes
- Resources

Topic Two: Routing

Date: 22 Oct

- Spot Bid Demo

- FAST Demo
- Tender Costing Process Summary
- Freight Routing Requirements

Topic Three: Special Requirements (SR) and Movement by Barge and Rail**Date: 29 Oct**

- Large Volume Movements and the SR Team
- Movement by Barge
- Rail Open Top Rules
- Rail Inspection Requirements

Topic Four: Compliance**Date: 5 Nov**

- Carrier Performance and Evaluation Program (CPEP)
- Use of the Carrier Performance Module (CPM) for failures and non-selections
- Letters of Concern, Warning, and Non-use Actions
- Transportation Service Provider (TSP) Appeals
- Transportation Discrepancy Reports (TDR)
- Shipper Process Metrics Program (SPMP) Data Review

Topic Five: GFM Q&A**Date: 12 Nov**

POC: SDDC Domestic Outreach and Engagement Team, usarmy.scott.sddc.mbx.g3-shipper-session@army.mil

Expiration: N/A

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