

PCS JTF Personal Property Advisory #26-0027

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From: Permanent Change of Station Joint Task Force (PCS JTF) Defense Personal Property Management Office (DPMO), Scott AFB, IL 62225

To: All Military Service Headquarters Representatives, Worldwide Personal Property Shipping Offices (PPSOs), Personal Property Processing Offices (PPPOs), and Department of War (DoW) Approved Transportation Service Providers (TSPs)

Subject: 2026 Defense Personal Property Program (DP3) Rate Filing Event Notice

1. TSPs are required to update their Certificate of Independent Pricing (CIP) and Certificate of Responsibility (COR) NLT 19 December 2025 to participate in the 2026 Rate Filing event. (See PCS JTF Personal Property Advisory #26-0021 dated 17 November 2025)
2. **Competitive Range:** As a result of market analysis, input from industry, and evidence of rising input costs, the PCS JTF decided to expand the competitive range for linehaul on most channels for the 2026 rate filing season. Exact ranges may vary by channel based on historical averages.
3. **Fuel Surcharge:** As TSPs plan their rate submissions, they should do so with the expectation that the fuel surcharge baseline will remain at \$3.50 for the entirety of the upcoming Peak and Non-Peak seasons. The PCS JTF is working with USTRANSCOM to normalize the fuel surcharge across all government surface transportation lines for 2027.
4. **Rate Filing Dates/Times:**
 - 4.1. Round 1 (Rd1): 18 January 26 (6:00 PM CST) – 23 January 26 (6:00 PM CST)
 - 4.2. Round 2 (Rd2): 15 February 26 (6:00 PM CST) – 20 February 26 (6:00 PM CST)
 - 4.3. Traffic Distribution List will go live no later than 20 March 2026 (9:00 AM CST)
5. Rates filed during this event will cover the period of **15 May 2026 – 14 May 2027**.
6. **Filing Rates in DPS:**
 - 6.1. **Using Workbench:**
 - 6.1.1. TSPs must file bids on the appropriate Market, Code of Service, and channel in Rd1 to file bids in Rd2.
 - 6.1.2. TSP can preview their authorized Market, Channels, and Codes of Service (COS) prior to Rd1 opening. The preview window will open on 15 January 2026 at 6:00 PM CST and remain open until Rd1 starts.
 - 6.1.2.1. If a TSP believes their authorizations contain errors, they should *immediately* contact the Special Requirements and Rates Team no later than 16 January 2025, 12:00 PM CST. See #11 for contact information.
 - 6.1.3. TSPs can view their accepted bids after Rd1 Rejection Notices have been sent. They are viewable until the start of Rd2.

6.1.4. Error and Rate Rejection Codes: Descriptions are available in the DPS Rate Filing User Guide (TSP Edition).

6.2. Special Solicitation Rates (International and Domestic) in “Rates TSP” Analytics:

6.2.1. Accepted Special Solicitation (SS) rates will **not** be visible in “Rates TSP” Analytics at the end of Rd1. Please utilize the “Export” capability in Workbench, as well as your rate rejection notifications to aid in determining your SS acceptance.

6.2.2. All fully accepted SS rates will be visible in Rates TSP Analytics at the conclusion of the Rate Filing event.

7. Bid Component Data Retention Process:

7.1. TSPs filing bids for Domestic channels must file four (4) complete bid components. All four (4) components must be accepted by the end of Rd2 for the bids to be considered a valid discount for that Channel/COS:

7.1.1. Peak Linehaul

7.1.2. Peak SIT

7.1.3. Non-Peak Linehaul

7.1.4. Non-Peak SIT

7.2. TSPs filing bids for international channels must file two (2) complete bid components. Both components must be accepted by the end of Rd2 for the bids to be considered a valid Single Factor Rate (SFR) for that Channel/COS:

7.2.1. Peak SFR

7.2.2. Non-Peak SFR

7.3. TSPs filing in both Domestic and International markets using the *Bulk Rate File* method must submit a *separate* Bulk Rate File for each market.

8. Using Workbench during Rd2:

8.1. TSPs will not be allowed to refile any rate component that was accepted in Rd1.

8.2. TSPs receiving a rate rejection on any rate component on a Channel/COS must refile the rejected component prior to Rd2 closure for the Channel/COS to be evaluated for acceptance.

8.2.1. Domestic Example: If a TSP receives a Rd1 “Error Code 6” rate rejection for the *Peak Linehaul* bid “Domestic discount is lower than the acceptable low for this channel and code of service”, TSP cannot change the accepted *Non-Peak Linehaul*, the *Peak SIT*, or the *Non-Peak SIT* bid for the same Channel/COS in Rd2. However, the TSP must adjust the *Peak Linehaul* bid during Rd2 for this Channel/COS to be evaluated for acceptance.

8.2.2. International Example: If a TSP receives a Rd1 “Error Code 16” rate rejection for the *Peak SFR* “International Single Factor Rate is higher than the acceptable high for this channel and code of service”, TSP cannot change the accepted *Non-Peak SFR*

for the same Channel/COS in Rd2. However, the TSP must adjust the *Peak SFR* bid during Rd2 for this Channel/COS to be evaluated for acceptance.

9. TSP's Responsibilities:

- 9.1. TSPs, or their representatives, are responsible for computing their own rates and must be familiar with the 2026 business rules: 400NG, 400NG Baseline Rates, International Tender, Tender of Service, and Claims and Liability Business Rules, which can be found at <https://www.ustranscom.mil/dp3/pdfs.cfm>.
- 9.2. The latest TSP Rate Filing User Guide can be found in the Rate Filing Workbench (when Rd1 opens) by clicking on the "Rates Workbench User Guide" link. The User Guide provides details on functionality.
- 9.3. TSPs are responsible for establishing quality controls and procedures to ensure they have the necessary operating authorities to file rates.
- 9.4. TSPs will not file rates on a Channel/COS where they do not have USTRANSCOM and/or state approval (reference 400NG, Item 8, Para 3 and International Tender, Item 200, Para 9).
- 9.5. TSPs must ensure all Bulk Rate files are uploaded successfully.
 - 9.5.1. When Bulk Rate Files are uploaded by a TSP/agent, the status for each upload will be shown in the "Bulk Rate File Status" section.
 - 9.5.2. Upon uploading a Bulk Rate File, TSP will receive an email notification stating the file was processed successfully with no rejections or the file was processed with rejections.
 - 9.5.3. **It is *imperative* the TSP monitor receipt of the email notification(s). If the TSP does not receive either of these messages, TSP must open a help desk ticket with the SRC, see #10 below.**

10. Channel Updates for 2026:

- 10.1. For a list of all channels, see the 2026 Channel Control Listings which will be posted on <https://www.ustranscom.mil/dp3/pdfs.cfm>.
- 10.2. New Special Solicitation Groups:
 - 10.2.1. Class 1:
 - 10.2.1.1. COS 4 CONUS to/from Sterling, Australia (AS26)
 - 10.2.1.2. COS 8 CONUS to/from Sterling, Australia (AS26)

11. By filing DP3 Rates under this solicitation, TSPs agree to the following statement:

- 11.1. For 2026, I understand the DoW will continue moving shipments utilizing DPS and Electronic Transportation Operational Personal Property Standard System (TOPS).

12. Report DPS technical issues (e.g., accessing DPS, uploading rate files, etc.) to the Systems Response Center (SRC):

- 12.1. Email: usarmy.scott.artrans.mbx.g6-src-dps-hd@army.mil and transcom.scott.tcj9.mbx.i@mail.mil

12.2. Telephone: Toll free (800) 462-2176; Commercial (618) 577-0969, Option 2

12.3. Internet: <https://src.servicenowservices.com/src>

13. Rate Filing questions emailed to: transcom.scott.tcj9.mbx.pp-rates@mail.mil

14. This message is approved for release by the Chief of Operations, Defense Personal Property Management Office, TCJ9-O.