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DATE: February 23, 2009  
TO: All Military Agents of National Forwarding Co. and Affiliates  
FROM: Patrick C. Johnson, President  
SUBJECT: **DP3 Program Update**

The following is a brief update of DP3, formerly known as Families First.

## **Protest:**

A Protest filed before GAO by a number of TSPs was denied on February 2. Regardless of the many defects we see in the GAO Decision, the fact remains that the last legal impediment to full worldwide implementation of Phase II of DP3 has been removed. Phase II of DP3 is the implementation of the Defense Personal Property System (DPS) which is the replacement for TOPS. In addition to including shipment distribution, it pulls together all of the diverse programs utilized in connection with the DoD Personal Property Program from military service member counseling to claims. Phase II does not include shipments with any component involving NTS, and it does not include shipments moving under the Personally Procured Move Program. Those shipments will be included in Phase III.

## **Rollout Schedule for Phase II of DP3:**

Phase II of DP3 was implemented on a limited basis beginning in November 2008. It is limited to eligible shipments moving between 18 initial sites. A breakdown of those sites is attached.

We recently received a message from SDDC advising as follows:

In reference to our 25 August 2008 message where we announced our intent to rollout DPS to locations worldwide, we are advising all TSPs of the Services' intent to immediately begin moving additional shipment types in DPS to and from additional locations beyond the original 18 sites. The type of shipments, locations and volume will be at the Service's discretion.

This message is approved for release by Lt Col Daniel J. Bradley, DCS for Personal Property, HQ SDDC.

Other than the fact that the Services intend to expand their utilization of DPS, it is unclear what this message means in practical terms. Our feeling is that the various PPSOs comprising the 18 sites will begin moving to the point where all eligible shipments are moved in DPS. Based on the volume of shipments that we have received under the current program moving between the 18 initial sites, it appears that the percentage of shipments moving in DPS has been rather small. We expect that to change quickly.

As far as implementation to other locations beyond those 18 installations, that is entirely up to the Services and the readiness of the various PPSOs. The degree to which the Services actively push utilization of DPS will depend upon the results of the meeting of the General Officer Steering Committee scheduled for February 25. It is our opinion that more and more shipments will be distributed via DPS and that some additional installations will be brought on line fairly quickly. However, whether there will be a continued gradual expansion or an immediate deployment has not yet been determined.

It is our opinion and the opinion of the leadership of the American Moving & Storage Association and the International Association of Movers that the only wise course to follow is a gradual deployment similar to that followed when CWA/PowerTrack was implemented. We believe that there are still some serious issues with regard to the functionality of DPS, that training has not been accomplished as extensively as required, and that the billing and invoicing process has not been thoroughly tested.

The TOPS Program is used in the current program, but it is at the end of its useful life. SDDC hopes to shut TOPS down in April. Our great concern is that TOPS will be disabled and that DPS will not function as planned. That would be a disaster for all parties concerned.

Our Association leaders are working with the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Congress, US TRANSCOM, and the Military Services to ensure that our transition to DPS goes as smoothly as possible.

#### **DPS Rate Filing and Tariff 400NG:**

The following is the filing schedule for DP3 with rates effective from May 15, 2009 through May 14, 2010.

Round 1: 25 FEB 09 – 6 MAR 09

Round 2: 11 MAR 09 – 20 MAR 20

Shipments are rated under Military Tariff 400NG. A copy can be obtained from the American Moving & Storage Association, 1611 Duke St., Alexandria, VA 22314-3406, PH 888-849-2672, email [info@moving.org](mailto:info@moving.org) or from one of a number of vendors. The company we are utilizing is Winfield Microsystems, Inc., 2333 Wisconsin Avenue, Downers Grove, IL 60515-4022, phone 630-960-5515. If you do not already have a copy of 400NG, you should obtain one as soon as possible. Information on Tariff 400NG and our rate filing process was provided in previous memos. If you need additional copies, please let me know.

#### **Operational Issues of Importance:**

One of the most troubling aspects of the Business Rules having application to DP3 is the fact that the utilization of spread dates in accordance with normal industry practices has not been established. Although SDDC did issue clarification on many Business Rules recently, this important issue is still awaiting clarification. A major problem we foresee is that some installations will be reluctant to issue SIT numbers if there is an address in the system and if the driver arrives at destination prior to the RDD. We all want to eliminate unnecessary SIT, but we also need to maximize the utilization of our equipment if we are to provide the service that our military service members need. Hopefully, your PPSO will appreciate the importance of this matter and not delay our drivers unnecessarily.

Good luck in your preparations for this new program. If you have any questions, please contact us.

## DPS Initial 18 Rollout Sites

### ***GBLOC INSTALLATION NAME***

MAPS	CG ISC, Kodiak, AK
LHNQ	CG ISC, Alameda, CA
LKNQ	FISC San Diego, CA
KKFA	JPPSO-Colorado Springs, CO
CLPK	CG ISC, Miami, FL
KPAT	Fort Leavenworth, KS
AGFM	JPPSO-NE, Chelmsford, MA
BKAS	PPSO Ft. Bragg, NC
BKMT	MCB, Camp Lejeune, NC
KLAE	White Sands Missile Range, NM
HOAT	USA Field Artillery & Ft Sill, OK
HAFC	JPPSO-San Antonio, TX
BGAC	JPPSO-WA Ft. Belvoir, VA
JENQ	FISC Puget Sound, WA

### ***INTERNATIONAL PPSOs***

QFAC	Camp Zama, Japan
UCNQ	Nav Support Act, Naples, Italy
WFFL	Spangdahlem AB, Germany
WKAS	Euro Theater CPPSO, Grafenwohr, GE