

Federal Management Regulation

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§ 102-117.35 What are the advantages and disadvantages of using GSA's tender of service?

(a) It is an advantage to use GSA's tender of service when you want to:

(1) Use GSA's authority to negotiate on behalf of the Federal Government and take advantage of the lower rates and optimum service that result from a larger volume of business;

(2) Use a uniform tender of service;

(3) Obtain assistance with loss and damage claims; and

(4) Use GSA's Transportation management and operations expertise.

(b) It is a disadvantage to use GSA's tender of service when:

(1) You want an agreement that is binding for a longer term than the GSA tender of service;

(2) You have sufficient time to follow FAR contracting procedures and are in position to make volume or shipment commitments under a FAR contract;

(3) You do not want to pay for the GSA administrative service charge as a participant in the GSA rate tender programs; and

(4) Rates are not cost effective, as determined by the agency.

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§ 102-117.40 When is it advantageous for me to use another agency's contract or rate tender for transportation services?

It is advantageous to use another agency's contract or rate tender for transportation services when the contract or rate tender offers better or equal value than otherwise available to you.

§ 102-117.45 What other factors must I consider when using another agency's contract or rate tender?

When using another agency's contract or rate tender, you must:

(a) Assure that the contract or rate tender meets any special requirements unique to your agency;

(b) Pay any other charges imposed by the other agency for external use of their contract or rate tender;

(c) Ensure the terms of the other agency's contract or rate tender allow you to use it; and

(d) Ensure that the agency offering this service has the authority or a delegation of authority from GSA to offer such services to your agency.

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§ 102-117.50 What are the advantages and disadvantages of contracting directly with a TSP under the FAR?

(a) The FAR is an advantage to use when:

(1) You ship consistent volumes in consistent traffic lanes;

(2) You have sufficient time to follow FAR contracting procedures; and

(3) Your contract office is able to handle the requirement.

(b) The FAR may be a disadvantage when you:

(1) Cannot prepare and execute a FAR contract within your time frame;

(2) Have recurring shipments between designated places, but do not expect sufficient volume to obtain favorable rates; or

(3) Do not have the manpower to monitor quality control and administer a contract.

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§ 102-117.55 What are the advantages and disadvantages of using a rate tender?

(a) Using a rate tender is an advantage when you:

(1) Have a shipment that must be made within too short a time frame to identify or solicit for a suitable contract;

(2) Have shipments recurring between designated places, but do not expect sufficient volume to obtain favorable rates; or

(3) Are not in a position to make a definite volume and shipment commitment under a FAR contract.

(b) Using a rate tender may be a disadvantage when:

(1) You have sufficient time to use the FAR and this would achieve better results;

(2) You require transportation service for which no rate tender currently exists; or