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Trading Partner Stats

Just a quick look at our Trading Partner Stats. Our TPs account for approximately 60 percent of our hazardous waste business (based on Task Orders (TOs) issued for first quarter 2000). For the months of January through March 2000, we issued 831 TOs via EDI. A breakout is as follows: Chem-Met - 316; Safety-Kleen – 281; ATI - 77; AES - 64; Philip – 50; GNI - 30; MKM

11; and EETCO – 2.

Update on our EDI Status

(by Cathy Bednar)

DRMS, with the help of DSIO (located in Utah), have been very busy programming the Hazardous Waste Base Operations Support System (BOSS) so that it will transmit our Task Orders, Task Order Modifications, and Manifesting information via EDI. We are urging our current TPs to update their systems so that they can receive and transmit these transactions using Version 4010. Each TP also needs to inform their VAN of the changes. The Implementation Conventions for the transactions we will be sending and receiving are located at http://www.ecrc.camp.org/drms/act_ics.html. Please go to this Web site for more information and send this information to your VAN.

2000 Hazardous Waste Symposium

(by Cathy Bednar)

You are invited to attend the 2000 Hazardous Waste Disposal Contracting Symposium presented by the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service (DRMS). This event will be held October 18-19, 2000, in the Palm Garden Room of the Federal Center, 74 Washington Avenue North, Battle Creek, Michigan. There is no charge for registration or admittance to this event.

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This symposium is devoted to a variety of topics relating to the disposal of hazardous items. Your input into the formation of the agenda is encouraged and solicited. A tentative agenda and a registration form may be viewed and printed by going to <http://www.drms.dla.mil/newproc/index.html>. Please forward your suggestions to the point of contact listed below. In addition, we are forming Process Action Teams (PATs) before the symposium. If you would like to be a member of a PAT, please go to the above WEB site for the various teams.

Please complete all applicable questions on the registration form and return no later than August 11, 2000. You may return by email to cbednar@mail.drms.dla.mil. Please direct any comments or questions to Ms. Cathy Bednar, telephone (616) 961-7309, FAX (616) 961-7165, or email cbednar@mail.drms.dla.mil. We look forward to seeing you in October.

Wide Area Workflow - Receipt & Acceptance (WAWF-RA)

(by Marc Graves)

One of the remaining obstacles to the DoD's Paperless Contracting initiative is the support of inspection/acceptance and invoice/payment in a digital process. The "as-is" process consists of a DoD inspector or Quality Assurance Representative signing a Material Inspection and Receiving Report (Form DD250) that can document government acceptance of a product or service. This paper form can also be submitted by the vendor to DFAS as an invoice. Distribution of this paper form can be extensive, including the procuring contracting office, the administrative contracting office, the shipment destination, and the payment office - often in multiple copies! In order to authorize payment a comparison of paper documents from the vendor, contracting office and acceptance office must be reviewed by a payment official. Obviously, this is not an efficient and paperless process! WAWF-RA is a DoD paperless contracting initiative that seeks to provide vendors with a method of electronically submitting invoices and receiving reports. This process will result in faster and more reliable payment processing, and will provide the vendor with access to online document processing status. For the DoD, WAWF-RA will substantially reduce finance charges on late payments, globalize access to documents, eliminate re-keying of data, provide near real-time processing and conduct secure transactions with audit capability. The use of WAWF-RA is intended for those transactions that require a digital signature to confirm inspection/acceptance and for approvals from the PCO and payment office. Contractors will be able to submit invoices and inspection/acceptance documents interactively on the Web or via FTP or FAX. The hardware/software (minimum) requirements for the vendor are a 166MHz processor, 64 Mg RAM, Netscape 4.05 domestic version (128 bit encryption), UWI forms viewer version 4.3.1G and Adobe Acrobat reader 3.02. Additional information on WAWF-RA can be obtained at:

<https://wawf-ra.slidell.disa.mil>

<http://www.acq.osd.mil/pcipt>

Communication

(by Cathy Bednar)

Communication is vitally important to the success of EDI. Please let one of the POCs listed below know if you are experiencing any problems with your EDI transmissions. We are here to help you in any way we can. We are always interested in receiving your opinion and input. Please submit your questions, concerns or ideas to one of the POCs listed below. We are here to work with the Trading Partners so that all can "Ride the Wave". Hope to hear from you. Let's keep the lines of communication open.

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