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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 issued for third quarter FY00). For the months of April through June 2000, we issued 858 TOs via EDI. A breakout is as follows: Safety-Kleen - 336; Chem-Met - 304; AES - 66; ATI - 62; Philip - 62; MKM - 14; GNI - 11;

and EETCO - 3.

Update on our EDI Status

(by Cathy Bednar)

DRMS, with the help of DSIO (located in Utah), has 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. In the near future, we also look forward to having an IC available for the 810 transaction set (Invoicing). This will enable DRMS to send an invoice directly to DFAS for faster payment.

2000 Hazardous Waste Symposium

(by Cathy Bednar)

Just a reminder that 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

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Symposium (cont'd)

Avenue North, Battle Creek, Michigan. There is no charge for registration or admittance to this event.

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 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.

Contractor's May Get Access to BOSS

(by Cathy Bednar)

Randy Smith of our Environmental office is working with two Contracting Officers and security to get our HW contractor's access to two BOSS manifest screens. Contractors will access what are called the IMF (interim manifest) and DMF (disposal manifest) screens by entering BOSS via the Web. By having access to these screens, contractors will be able to input into BOSS the information from their manifests instead of sending manifest invoice packets to DRMS. This information will in turn produce the 591 reports, which are used for invoicing. The BOSS system has numerous edits set up to check for errors. In addition, manifest trackers will audit the input from contractors. Since contractors will be inputting the information, instead of sending information in to the manifest trackers, more timely generation of the 591 reports should occur. The end result will be more timely payments.

Testing should begin within the next few months. Randy Smith and the Contracting Officers have chosen a test contractor. After testing with this contractor, we will contact other contractors for testing.

Be aware that we are also working on this information being sent via the 861 transaction set. The capability above is just one way of inputting the disposal information. For those contractors using databases, it will be more efficient to send information via EDI than to input manually into BOSS.

More information will be provided, as it is available.

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. Please note that Cindy Fellows is no longer an EDI POC. She has left the policy office to work again as a Contracting Officer in DRMS-TPHA.

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