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Trading Partner Stats

From October 1, 2001 through August 31, 2002, we sent 2,234 task orders and 1,632 task order modifications via EDI. The contractors receiving both 850s and 860s are Applied Technology, Perma-Fix Government Services, and Safety-Kleen. Thanks to all our Trading Partners for working with us.

Contractors Using BOSS for Input

(By Cathy Bednar)

Since DRMS has recently moved BOSS to the public server on the WEB, contractors will have the ability to access the application. With this, Hazardous Waste contractors who wish to participate will be able to input Phase II tracking data directly into BOSS without preparation of a manual report (DRMS Form 1683-1). The contractors will notify DRMS upon completion of input via E-mail. Contractors are still obligated to keep hard copies of all supporting documentation (e.g., downstream manifests, etc) on site for possible government review/audit.

To participate, a contractor must receive the necessary security clearance and a BOSS password. At present, DRMS is only planning on having the contractor input Phase II data; however, it is possible that in the future, contractors will input Phase I data also.

We currently have two contractors inputting data into BOSS with a third in the process of receiving the security clearance. After our initial pilot program, we plan on opening this up to more of our HW contractors. For additional information on this issue, please contact me at 616-961-7309 or via email at cathy.bednar@mail.drms.dla.mil.

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An Alternate Pay Procedure

(By Cathy Bednar)

DRMS is looking into an alternate avenue for paying our hazardous waste contractors. In January 2002, DRMS met with DLA and a representative from US Bank to discuss a system known as PowerTrack. This system is currently used to pay Government Transportation costs.

With PowerTrack, DRMS would send an invoice (similar to the current 591) to PowerTrack via EDI. This information would be posted on the PowerTrack Website. Contractors who participate will access PowerTrack and review the invoice. If there are no errors, the contractor would accept the invoice, and within 72 hours the payment would be sent via EFT to the contractor's banking institution. If an error were found, the contractor would then contact DRMS for resolution.

The major advantage to using PowerTrack is quicker payments. The only disadvantage is contractors who participate will be required to pay a small fee for this service (approximately 1-2 percent of the invoice total). The higher the invoice, the lower the fee charged.

The use of this system is still in the review stages so stayed tuned for more information on this subject.

Use of EDI for Manifesting

(By Cathy Bednar)

We are still in the process of testing the capability of receiving manifest information via EDI. The proposed EDI transaction set is the 861 with the 824 transaction set being sent back to the contractor to inform them of any errors. These transaction sets are listed at: http://www.drms.dla.mil/newproc/html/electronic_data_interchange.html

Communication

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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