

COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED TO UNITS OF GOVERNMENT

Illinois statutes dictate that movers may provide “free or reduced rate carriage” to units of government. This includes any unit of government, including state, federal, municipal, village, etc.

HOWEVER:

For this provision to apply, Illinois law dictates that a government move **must be awarded by competitive bid**. No discounts are allowed on government moves just because they’re the government.

In order to qualify for reduced rates, the government agency must provide you with **written evidence of the law or regulation stating that the move must be awarded by competitive bid**. If you are awarded the bid, you must include that written evidence as part of the special filing package in order to be exempt from your tariff rates.

Likewise, once the competitive bid is awarded, payment for the move must come directly from the governmental agency. **It’s not ok** for the government agency to give an allowance to the person moving and then have the person who is moving pay the mover. In that circumstance, your normal tariff charges must apply.

Anyone who is offering to perform for-hire moves for any unit of government must adhere to all licensing and other non-rate requirements (such as bill of lading forms, Consumer Brochure, etc.). Only tariff rates are exempted by this provision.

Here is what you must do to qualify for this exemption from your tariffs. **We suggest you photocopy the form included with this section and save the original for future use.** Fill out the photocopy to meet these requirements.

Reference: Title 92: Transportation; Chapter III: Illinois Commerce Commission; Subchapter a: Commercial Transportation Generally. Part 1230. 1230.10 MATERIALS TO BE FILED (three copies to the Illinois Commerce Commission)

a) The following may be filed in lieu of tariffs with

regard to transportation for the United States, the State of Illinois, or any municipality or subdivision of this State where it is required by law that the carrier be selected by competitive bid:

1. A copy of the request for bids, if any;
2. A copy of the carrier’s competitive bid;
3. A transmittal letter from the carrier identifying the carrier and (ILCC) license number;
4. A copy of the contract as awarded and signed by the parties of notice of award of bid if no written contract is signed; and
5. A letter from either the carrier or the shipper, identifying the law which requires that the carrier be selected by competitive bid, in accordance with subsection (b) (7).

b) **The following information must be identified** in sub-sections (a) (1)-(5) above:

1. The unit of government for which transportation is to be provided;
2. The origin and destination of the transportation;
3. The commodities involved [household goods];
4. Accessorial services to be provided by the carrier;
5. The rates bid by the carrier;
6. The date the bid was accepted and the contract awarded; and
7. The specific statute, regulations, or ordinance requiring that the carrier be selected by competitive bid.

c) The material required by subsections (a) and (b) **must be filed at least 1 day prior** to the commencement of the transportation subject to the rates.

d) Information may be provided on the Illinois Commerce Commission’s Competitive Bid of Transportation for Units of Government form.

[Refer to your Reference Manual for a copy of the Uniform Tender Form. Photocopy and save for future use a copy of the original form.]