Department of War (DoW) Personal Property Activity (PPA)

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From: Department of War (DoW) Personal Property Activity (PPA), Scott AFB, IL 62225

To: All Military Service Headquarters Representatives, Worldwide Personal Property Shipping Offices (PPSOs), Personal Property Processing Offices (PPPOs), and DoW-Approved Personal Property Transportation Service Providers (TSPs)

Subject: Temporary Use of Non-DoW Approved (NDA) CONUS Storage in Transit (SIT) Facilities for 2026 Defense Personal Property System (DPS)

1. To access additional storage facilities during the 2026 Peak Season, effective immediately, TSPs are temporarily authorized to use NDA SIT facilities.

2. Regardless of the NDA SIT facility used, the TSP remains solely responsible for the shipment, any service failure, and business rules violation: 400NG, the Claims and Liability, and Tender of Service (ToS), and DTR, Part IV.

    a. TSP is NOT authorized to use a mini storage facility to store DoW Personnel's HHGs.

    b. The landlord must acknowledge and state in the lease that holding shipments hostage is a violation of Federal Law; IAW USC Title 37, Section 453, which states in part, "No carrier, port agent, warehouseman, freight forwarder, or other person involved in the transportation of property may have a lien on, or hold, impound, or otherwise interfere with the movement of baggage and household goods being transported under this section. (emphasis added)."

    c. Move Management companies are NOT authorized to submit a request for any storage facility approval without the knowledge and consent of the Owner, President, Vice-President, or CEO of the company.

    d. Multiple Occupancy. If a company is undergoing any special actions or changes to their corporate structure and/or contract/NTS Tender of Service, they are NOT authorized to request NDA approval until the special action processes have been completed. (i.e., Stock Sale, Purchase Agreement, Name Change, Pre-Award, etc.)

3. This temporary authorization to use NDA SIT facilities does not waive or alter the TSP's responsibilities to meet all Defense Personal Property Program (DP3) requirements and business rules.

4. TSP are required to meet the following:
    a. Warehouse Operational Layout Fire Plan (Posted in the warehouse)
    b. A fire protection system,
    c. Fire system maintenance and inspection plan
    d. Flood Plain Information (outside 100-yr flood plan)
    e. Burglar/Intrusion Alarm System

f. Pest Control Program

4.1. Prior to consideration for NDA approval, any company with a Pre-Award in progress with the Storage Branch must submit all required documentation as outlined in paragraph 4.

4.2. Approved NDA facilities must provide copies of the documentation listed in paragraph 4 when requested by the DoW PPA.

4.3. Peak season 2026 NDA-approved companies are not eligible for future NDA approvals. All subsequent applications must go through the standard Storage Branch Pre-Award process.

4.4. Facilities approved under NDAs shall be subject to physical inspections conducted by the Storage Branch or respective Personal Property Shipping Offices (PPSO).

5. **PPSO's Responsibilities**:

5.1. Manage shipments in accordance with the DP3 program business rules (DTR, Part IV, Ch. 402, 400NG, and the ToS).

5.2. Closely monitor shipments in the NDA facilities until they are delivered.

5.3. Contact DoW personnel and express to them the importance of taking delivery before possible conversion and explain once converted the government has no control over how much money the commercial warehouse will charge for the additional storage days until shipment is delivered.

5.4. Advise the DoW personnel, if their shipment is converted, the additional storage days must be paid in full to the warehouse before their shipment can be delivered.

5.5. Conversion to DoW personnel's Expense:

5.5.1. PPSO will exhaust every means possible to contact DoW personnel before converting shipment.

5.5.2. PPSO must verify if the shipment is in a DoW or NDA facility to determine how the shipment will be handled. The NDA facility address will contain the letters "NDA" at the beginning of the address.

5.5.2.1. Example: NDA – Smith Moving and Storage

5.5.3. If shipment is converted while in the NDA facility, PPSO will instruct DoW personnel to contact the PPSO to schedule a delivery.

6. SIT first available delivery date (FADD) will not start prior to or on the warehouse effective date in DPS.

6.1. If the government is unable to update DPS SIT facility information in a timely manner, the PPSO will update the shipment SIT date in DPS to reflect the correct start date.

7. TSP's Responsibilities:

   7.1. If the facility is not listed in DPS, provide the NDA facility information (i.e., Warehouse Name, address, contact information (phone number and email address) of warehouse owner/leaser, State, County, and zip code) to DOW-PPA-Operations-MBX@mail.mil NLT 3 GBDs prior to placing shipment in the Non-DoW facility.

      7.1.1. TSP will not submit a request after 25 September 2026, 1600 CDT, to have a warehouse listed in DPS.

      7.1.2. A shipment must be placed in SIT NLT 25 September 2026, for the TSP to seek payment for storage.

      7.1.3. Effective 1 October 2026, all NDA facilities will be placed in non-use. This will prevent TSPs from accidentally placing a shipment in those facilities.

      7.1.4. TSPs have until 31 December 2026 to deliver shipments to DoW personnel, unless the shipment has not used all their storage entitlement, shipment has been extended, or shipment has been converted to DoW personnel's expense. PPSO will monitor shipments until they are delivered to destination.

      7.1.5. The government published storage rates in the 400NG Baseline Tables will be used to reimburse the TSP for storage, subject to SIT discount.

      7.1.6. Storage will not start on weekends or holidays.

      7.1.7. For shipments converted to DoW personnel's expense in NDA facilities

         7.1.7.1. If the warehouse location is outside of the delivery destination (block 18), any delivery over 30 miles the TSP will refund the government the excess cost associated with delivery of shipment to destination.

8. NDAs will not be authorized for Peak Season 2027. Effective 8 June 2026, the PPA Storage Branch will accept applications for DoW SIT warehouse approval. For providers that apply, follow the guidance outlined in PPA Advisory #26-0078A.

9. Approval for CONUS, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and Canada only. In accordance with Defense Transportation Regulation 4500.9-R, Part IV, Chapter A-406, Section A, paragraph two.

10. Any questions or concerns about this advisory email DOW-PPA-Operations-MBX@mail.mil.

11. PPA Call Center: 1-833 MIL-MOVE (833-645-6683), Option 1, or email PCSCallCenter@mail.mil.

12. The DoW PPA J3 Director, approved the release of this message.