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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL FEDERAL CIVILIAN AGENCIES HOUSEHOLD  
GOODS RELOCATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

FROM: JAMES F. FITZGERALD  
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SUBJECT: Synopsis of issues/decisions from the September 22, 1999  
Federal Civilian Agencies Household Goods Relocation  
Committee Meeting

GSA would like to thank all of you who were able to attend the September 22, 1999, Federal Civilian Agencies Household Goods Relocation Committee meeting for the purpose of discussing move management services (MMS). The meeting was very productive, and we appreciate your active participating in the MMS debate. This meeting and our September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting with those of you who were able to brave Hurricane Floyd and attend along with representatives of the carrier/forwarder/broker industries, finally have allowed us to resolve a number of issues that have impeded progress on necessary changes to the MMS program. We believe we now can move forward with a revised program that will meet the MMS needs of all our customers. Attached is a synopsis of the changes we agreed upon in our September 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

In addition, for those of you who were unable to attend, we also discussed released valuation. At our last meeting, we had agreed to ask carriers in the next RFO to bid on both \$3.50 and \$6.50 per pound released valuation levels for domestic shipments. At a meeting last week, the Household Goods Carriers' Bureau Committee under the American Moving and Storage Association approved a docket to increase released valuation under the tariff to \$4.00 per pound pending approval by the Surface Transportation Board. In view of this action, a motion was made and approved unanimously at our own Household Goods Committee meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> to raise the CHAMP released valuation in the next RFO to \$5.00 per pound for domestic shipments. Released valuation for international shipments under CHAMP will remain as it is now.

Finally, Jeff Thurston, Program Support and Business Division Director, appealed to everyone attending the meeting to send in their "Tracker" data. "Tracker" is the software GSA developed to assist in collecting the industrial funding fee (IFF) that

supports CHAMP. All Household Goods Committee members received a CD-ROM for use in reporting to GSA all CHAMP shipments that take place in a given calendar quarter. To date we've received data from only two agencies. You agreed in the April 21<sup>st</sup> Household Goods Committee meeting to furnish us this data so we can maximize IFF collection and work toward lowering the fee. We hope those of you who haven't yet sent in your data realize its importance both to us and to you and that we'll hear from you very soon.

The next Household Goods Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, November 16, 1999 from 9:00 a.m. – noon in room 1129 of Crystal Mall, Building 4.