

Shipping

Shipping – Next day and normal ground freight – Are we making the right decision or “Doing it the way we always have done it”?

By utilizing contracts which are available to us, MSU is able to take advantage of some excellent rates for the shipping of packages and envelopes. Both Federal Express and UPS have very competitive special contract rates for both, next day shipping and ground freight. For example; next day air service in the closest zone is only about \$5.85 for a letter.

However, it is possible that some departments’ account numbers may not be “tied” to the contract rates, thus, some departments may be paying too much for these services. We urge each department to consider your unique needs and to contact one or both vendors to determine which provider will best meet their needs. We urge the departments to verify they are receiving the best available rate.

A standardized approach to shipping will improve efficiency and save money. Both firms are able to assist a department in determining the best ways to ship. The firms have provided the following information to assist MSU departments. The firms are listed below in alphabetical order:

Federal Express:

Contacts: Locally - **Greg Miller**
 Phone **662-243-1088**
 Email robert.miller@fedex.com

Worldwide Contact - **Bobby Bledsoe**
phone **901-219-6964**
email rdbledsoe@fedex.com

How To Sign Up – Simply call the FedEx Government Hotline at 800.645.9424 to open an Account number and order supplies.

How to Verify Correct Prices - Contact Bobby Bledsoe

The versatility of the FedEx network – The FedEx portfolio includes express, ground, freight, expedited and other services to meet the various needs of your users. An efficient supply chain can mean the difference between saving and losing millions of dollars. We can work with MSU to help optimize your transportation choices and get the most value for the money. We have the fastest Ground transit times in the industry to save you time and money.

Well-recognized reliability – The foundation of the FedEx brand enables our customers to leverage value from having the right product at the right place at the right time. Reliability is

dependent on our people and processes and we have been successful by applying quality standards to every aspect of the operation.

Management tools to help - Using the tools and resources FedEx offers through www.fedex.com, like the web-based visibility tool FedEx Insight, the ease of use of our EDI solutions and the speed and reliability of our automation tools means you can help reduce your transportation spend.

UPS:

UPS has been working with MSU since 1980 to offer the University the best service available! We are now able to offer the best possible pricing ever for your shipping needs as well! UPS delivers many benefits for MSU – reliability for overnight, international and domestic ground services, plus shipping alerts, detailed tracking and much more. UPS provides convenient shipping through CampusShip, a web- based program that allows shipping access for all services – ground, air, and international. By using CampusShip and your MSU account #, you can be assured that you will get the discounted pricing that is currently in place for MSU, as well as enjoy the benefits of being a UPS Preferred customer. Using CampusShip on your computer, you can:

- Print shipping labels on your printer
- Track shipments
- Save your shipping preferences
- Store addresses or share contacts in address books
- Retrieve shipping history
- Send ship notifications

Set up for CampusShip is an easy process! You can contact: Thom Gordon or Barry Cummings at Mississippi State Mail Services by phone at 662-325-3835 or 325-3836 or by e-mail:

Thom Gordon: tgordon@printing.msstate.edu

Barry Cummings: gcummings@printing.msstate.edu

Our UPS Account Representative is **Robin Neuhaus**. She is available to train in your department to walk you through the shipping process. She is located in Tupelo, MS and is normally in Starkville at least once a week. She can be reached at:

Robin Neuhaus:

Cell Phone: 662-609-0071

E-mail: rneuhaus@ups.com