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USE OF CONTRACT CITY PAIR PROGRAM FARES

§ 301-10.110 When must I use a contract City Pair Program fare?

If you are an employee of an agency as defined in §301-1.1 of this chapter, you must use a contract City Pair Program fare for scheduled air passenger transportation service unless one of the limited exceptions in §301-10.111 exists.

NOTE 1 TO §301-10.110: When a contract City Pair Program carrier offers a lower cost capacity-controlled coach class contract fare (CA) and an unrestricted coach class contract fare (YCA), you must use the lower cost capacity-controlled fare when it is advantageous and meets mission needs. A listing of contract City Pair Program fares is available at <https://www.gsa.gov/citypairs>.

NOTE 2 TO §301-10.110: Employees of the Government of the District of Columbia, with the exception of the District of Columbia Courts, are not eligible to use contract City Pair Program fares even though these employees otherwise may be covered by the FTR.

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§ 301-10.111 Are there any exceptions to the use of a contract City Pair Program fare?

Yes, your agency may authorize use of a non-contract fare when:

(a) There are no accommodations available on any scheduled contract City Pair Program flight arriving to your destination in time to accomplish the purpose of your travel or use of contract service would require you to incur unnecessary overnight lodging costs which would increase the total cost of the trip;

(b) The contractor's flight schedule is inconsistent with explicit policies of your Federal department or agency with regard to scheduling travel during normal working hours;

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(c) A non-contract carrier offers a lower fare to the general public that, if used, will result in a lower total trip cost to the Government (the combined costs of transportation, lodging, meals, and related expenses considered); or

NOTE 1 TO PARAGRAPH (c): This exception does not apply if the contract carrier offers the same or lower fare and has seats available at that fare, or if the fare offered by the non-contract carrier is restricted to Government and military travelers performing official business and may be purchased only with a contractor-issued charge card, centrally billed account (*e.g.*, YDG, MDG, QDG, VDG, and similar fares) or GTR where the two previous options are not available.

(d) Cost effective rail transportation is available and is consistent with mission requirements.

NOTE 2 TO §301-10.111: A group of 10 or more passengers traveling together on the same day, on the same flight, for the same mission, requiring group integrity and identified as a group by the travel management service upon booking is not a mandatory user of the Government's contract City Pair Program fares. For group travel, agencies are expected to obtain air passenger transportation service that is practical and cost effective to the Government.

NOTE 3 TO §301-10.111: Contractors are not authorized to use contract City Pair Program fares to perform travel under their contracts.

NOTE 4 TO §301-10.111: Carrier preference is not a valid exception for using a non-contract City Pair Program fare.

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§ 301-10.112 What requirements must be met to use a non-contract fare?

(a) Before purchasing a non-contract fare you must meet one of the exception requirements listed in §301-10.111 and show approval on your travel authorization to use a non-contract fare; and

(b) If the non-contract fare is non-refundable, restricted, or has specific eligibility requirements, you must know or reasonably anticipate, based on your planned trip, that you will use the ticket; and

(c) Your agency must determine that the proposed non-contract transportation is practical and cost effective for the Government.

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