

September 6, 2013

Daniel M. Tangherlini  
Acting Administrator  
General Services Administration  
1800 F Street, NW, Room 6459  
Washington, DC 20405

Dear Administrator Tangherlini:

The Electric Drive Transportation Association (EDTA) is the cross-industry trade association promoting the advancement of electric drive technology and electrified transportation. Our members represent the entire value chain of electric drive, including vehicle manufacturers, battery and component manufacturers, utilities and energy companies, and smart grid and charging infrastructure developers. Collectively, we are committed to realizing the economic, national security, and environmental benefits of displacing oil with hybrid, plug-in hybrid, battery, and fuel cell electric vehicles.

We are writing in regard to the General Services Administration's (GSA's) upcoming issuance of the Third Generation Domestic Delivery Service, or DDS3, the five-year government-wide contract for package delivery services.

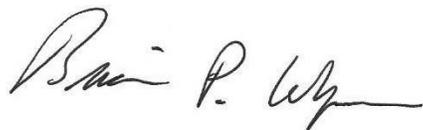
This contract for package delivery services provides an important opportunity to advance the nation's interests in energy and environmental security, while helping the federal government to meet its commitments in President Obama's *Executive Order 13514* on Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy and Economic Performance, which requires all agencies to adopt sustainability plans, and to ensure that their vendors are energy efficient and environmentally preferable.

Fleet vehicles are optimized for integration of alternative fuels, including electric drive vehicles, which displace gasoline and diesel with cleaner, domestically generated electricity. Hybrid, plug-in electric and fuel cell car and trucks reduce oil costs, as well as emissions. Leading by example, the federal government can accelerate the adoption of these and other alternative fuel vehicles by reinforcing supply chains and helping the industry achieve economies of scale. In return, the federal government will be insulating its fleet from volatile oil prices and reducing emissions while advancing greater energy security through fuel diversity.

In furtherance of those objectives, we would ask the GSA's contract terms recognize the national value and federal benefit of reduced oil consumption and emissions, as well as increased fuel diversity.

We thank you for your consideration and look forward to working with you to achieve our shared goals for a cleaner transportation fleet and a more secure nation.

Sincerely



Brian P. Wynne  
President