

TMS overview:

The Meritor Transportation Management System (TMS) arranges, coordinates and manages over 700 shipments daily in North America and over 100 daily in Europe. For every shipment that is paid for by Meritor, the TMS selects the transportation provider best suited, both from a cost and from a service perspective. The TMS is used by Meritor plants and logistics coordinators, as well as by material suppliers and transportation service providers.

The TMS allows different levels of responsibility and access, based on the login of the user. Primary responsibilities can be broken up as follows:

Meritor Employees:

The Meritor Transportation Planners and “Super-users” can enter rates, plan shipments, change service providers and arrange spot bids. The Meritor Transportation team in Troy is responsible for every shipment in North America that Meritor pays for, including expedited freight. All truckload and LTL shipments in North America paid for by Meritor should be in the TMS.

Material Suppliers:

Meritor’s vendors use the TMS whenever a shipment is ready that Meritor is paying for. The responsibility of the vendor is to log into the TMS, enter the weights and dimensions of the shipment, and let the TMS team know when the shipment is going to be ready. The vendor is then advised when the shipment has been awarded to a transportation company and who that company is going to be. The material supplier is also responsible to let the TMS team know when the shipment needs to be received at the consignee and whether it will require expediting or not.

Transportation Providers:

The role of the transportation supplier is primarily to move our freight. With all of the rates already in the TMS, when a transportation company receives a shipment tender, they are required to either accept or decline that shipment (if a Truck Load carrier). In the case of LTL (Less Than a Truckload) freight, it is assumed that the service provider will accept the shipment. Once a shipment has been picked up and delivered, our expectation is that the service provider will send updates on the shipment status into the TMS. In addition, Truck Load providers are able to use the TMS Spot bidding process to bid on shipments that cannot be covered by our contracted service providers.

Invoice Processing:

Meritor carrier Invoices can be submitted via EDI 210 with US Bank, our audit and freight payment partner. Please contact Meritor TMS for additional information.