

# TRANSPORTATION COST SYSTEM (TRACS) Documentation

## I. PREFACE

### A. Purpose and Content

USPS-FY13-36 documents the development of the estimated distribution keys for purchased transportation costs. It contains documentation for the two Transportation Cost System (TRACS) subsystems, TRACS Air and TRACS Surface (Highway), used to develop these costs. It also presents FY13 CV's (coefficients of variation) and confidence intervals for TRACS estimates.

### B. Predecessor Document(s)

The development of the TRACS estimated distribution keys and C.V.s material was presented in Docket No. ACR2012 USPS-FY12-36.

### C. Corresponding Non-Public or Public Document

A non-public version of this document is provided as: USPS-FY13-NP24 Transportation Cost System (TRACS).

### D. Methodology

TRACS had no methodology changes in FY13.

### E. Input/Output

The TRACS distribution keys are used to develop purchased transportation costs as inputs to:

USPS-FY13-32 FY13 CRA "B" Workpapers,  
USPS-FY13-NP14 FY13 CRA "B" Workpapers, and  
USPS-FY13-NP2 FY13 International Cost & Revenue Analysis (ICRA) Report.