

TVMDL has partnered with Southeast Vocational Alliance (SVA) to provide shipping coordination services for TVMDL clients. The SVA is a non-profit, private freight and logistics organization that provides meaningful employment for people with disabilities and veterans. The SVA program offers improved customer service, a wider array of shipping options, and much lower shipping prices to all TVMDL clients.

Program Benefits

- Clients can comparison shop real-time rates from FedEx.
- SVA has access to shipping rates which are much lower than those for state entities or private businesses. For example, under this program clients can access competitive rates for:
 - Up to 5lbs. via overnight by 10:30 am next day delivery (within Texas)
 - Up to 5 lbs. next day ground commercial
- Tracking numbers from all carriers are stored in your SVA account for quick and easy tracking.
- Schedule pickups in the SVA portal and sign up to receive delivery notifications.
- Instead of handling separate invoices from each carrier, SVA will send clients a weekly consolidated bill for all shipments.
- SVA will audit invoices for accuracy, file lost freight claims, and provide dedicated customer service

to address any questions or issues regarding shipping.

- There is no cost to sign up for this service. You do not pay a monthly fee to SVA or TVMDL.
- Clients can use this service to ship packages to all TVMDL laboratories.

Access SVA One of Three Ways

- 1. Log into the online SVA portal to view real time price comparisons, print labels, and schedule pickups.
- 2. Call, fax, or email SVA and a customer services representative will respond with pricing options, schedule carrier pickups, and email/ fax package labels.
- 3. Request pre-printed labels and have them sent to your office from SVA.

TVMDL has a successful working relationship with SVA and has the utmost confidence in their ability to meet the unique needs of our clients and our industry.

To sign up, visit <u>tvmdl.tamu.edu/shipping/</u>, call 800-743-8440, or email TVMDL@svalogistics.com, operations@svalogistics.com.