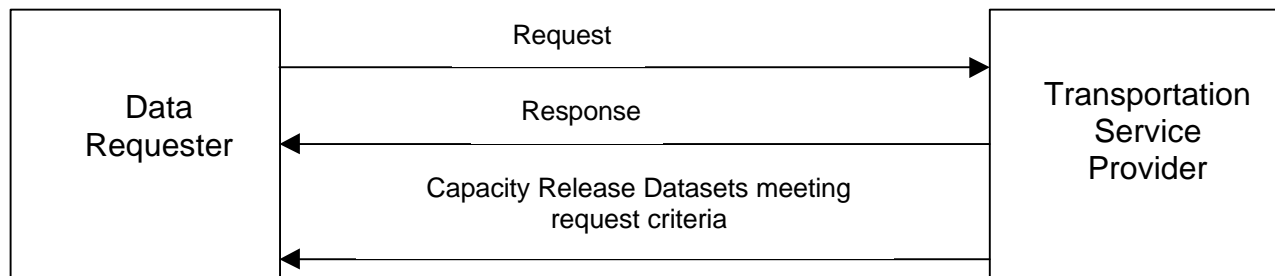


## Business Process and Practices

The capacity release datasets include reports from the transportation service provider to a data requester which describe capacity release activity on the transportation service provider's system. Capacity release reports consist of the Offer Download dataset, Bid Download dataset, the Award Download dataset, the Operationally Available and Unsubscribed Capacity dataset, the Replacement Capacity dataset, the Withdrawal Download dataset, and the System-Wide Notices dataset. The data requester specifies what report type(s) as well as the date and time period for the reports by sending an Upload of Request for Download of Posted Datasets request to the transportation service provider. Data requesters may specify one or more types of reports in a request for the specified date period.

The transportation service provider then responds with the Response to Upload of Request for Download of Posted Datasets. This response indicates whether any reports meeting the criteria of the request are available. If reports are available, they are sent contemporaneously with the response to the data requester. The specific datasets are further described, along with the request and response documents, later in this implementation guide.

The following diagram shows the flow of data for the download of datasets:



~~The above diagram shows the flow of data in the download datasets.~~

~~Prearranged deals comprise the majority of released capacity transactions. Prearranged Offer Uploads and their related transactions provide a mechanism for the releasing shipper or a representative of the releasing shipper to transmit the terms of a prearranged deal to the pipeline, and to validate and confirm the transaction.~~

~~The prearranged Offer Upload transaction details the quantity, time period, points, restrictions and pricing conditions associated with the released capacity. Step two in this process occurs when the pipeline transmits the Offer Upload Quick Response transaction to the originating party. This informs the originator that the request passed edit checks, that an offer, bid and/or award number was assigned to the transaction and what, if any, subsequent steps need to be made by the originator. Next, the transportation service provider or the releasing party may~~

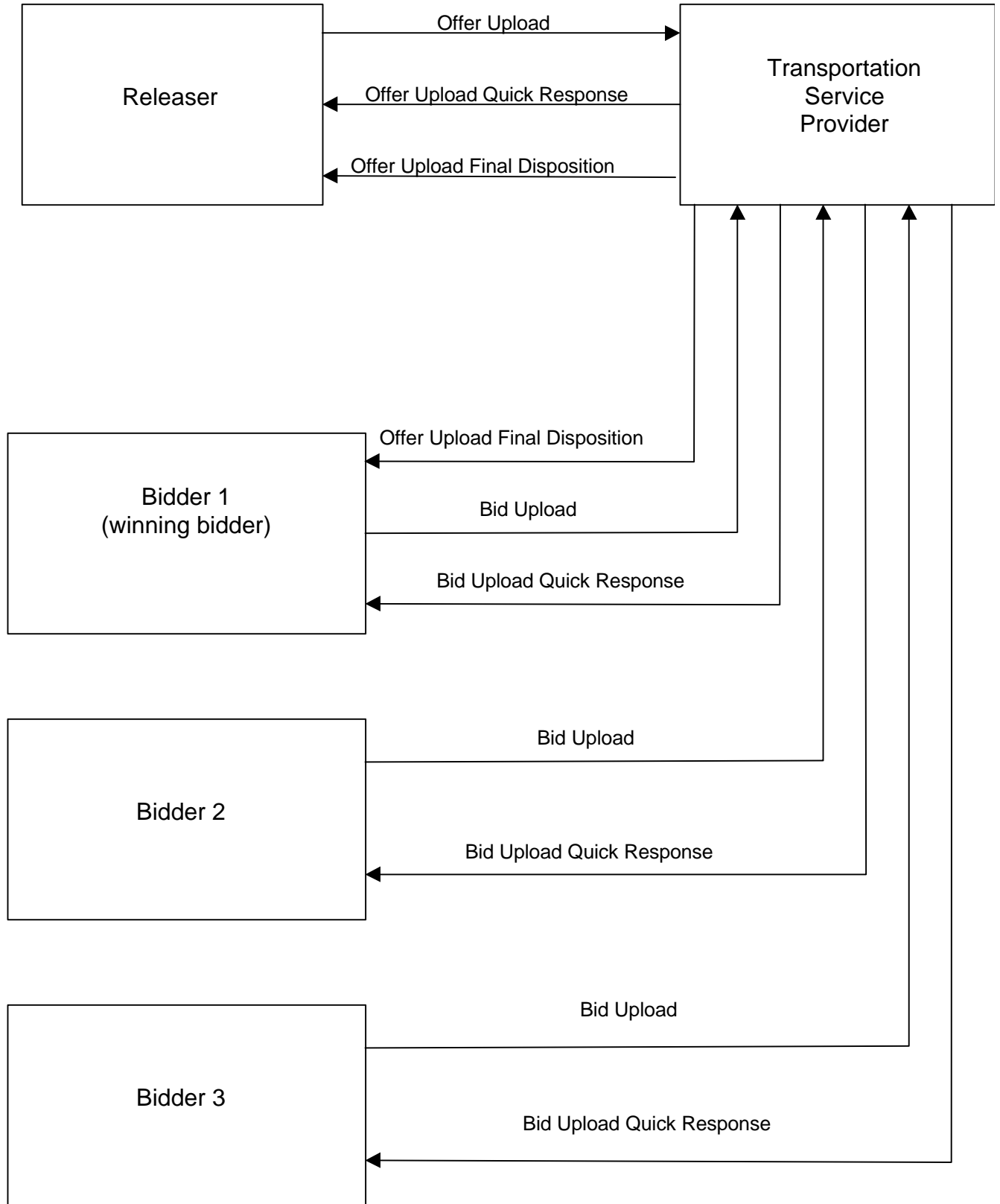
~~request confirmation from the prearranged deal bidder through the Offer Upload Notification transaction. This transaction gives the bidder all of the details submitted by the releasing shipper, with the assigned offer and bid numbers, and requests that the bidder send a confirming transaction to the transportation service provider. The Offer Upload Notification is optional for the sender to send and for the receiver to receive. Depending on the transportation service provider's business practices, the Offer Upload Bidder Confirmation transaction may be sent to the pipeline by the prearranged deal bidder with a positive or negative confirmation of the bid. Because the transportation service provider may not have been the source for the bidder's information, errors may occur, such as mismatched offer and bid numbers. Depending on the transportation service provider's business practices, the Offer Upload Bidder Confirmation Quick Response transaction may be sent by the transportation service provider to the prearranged deal bidder to inform the bidder that the confirmation passed edits. This completes the cycle so that the transportation service provider can award the replacement contract (once the bid period ends, if the deal is biddable). Since the releasing shipper has been out of the communications loop while the pipeline awaits the bidder confirmation, the transportation service provider now sends the Offer Upload Final Disposition transaction to the releasing shipper to inform the releasing shipper and replacement shipper of the status of the deal.~~

~~The following diagram shows the flow of the processes for the prearranged Offer Upload:~~

There are two distinctly different types of offers; prearranged and non-prearranged. Both types of offers use the Offer Upload. The Offer Upload, the Offer Upload Quick Response and the Offer Upload Final Disposition provide a mechanism for the releasing shipper or a representative of the releasing shipper to transmit the terms of an offer to the transportation service provider, and to validate and confirm the transaction.

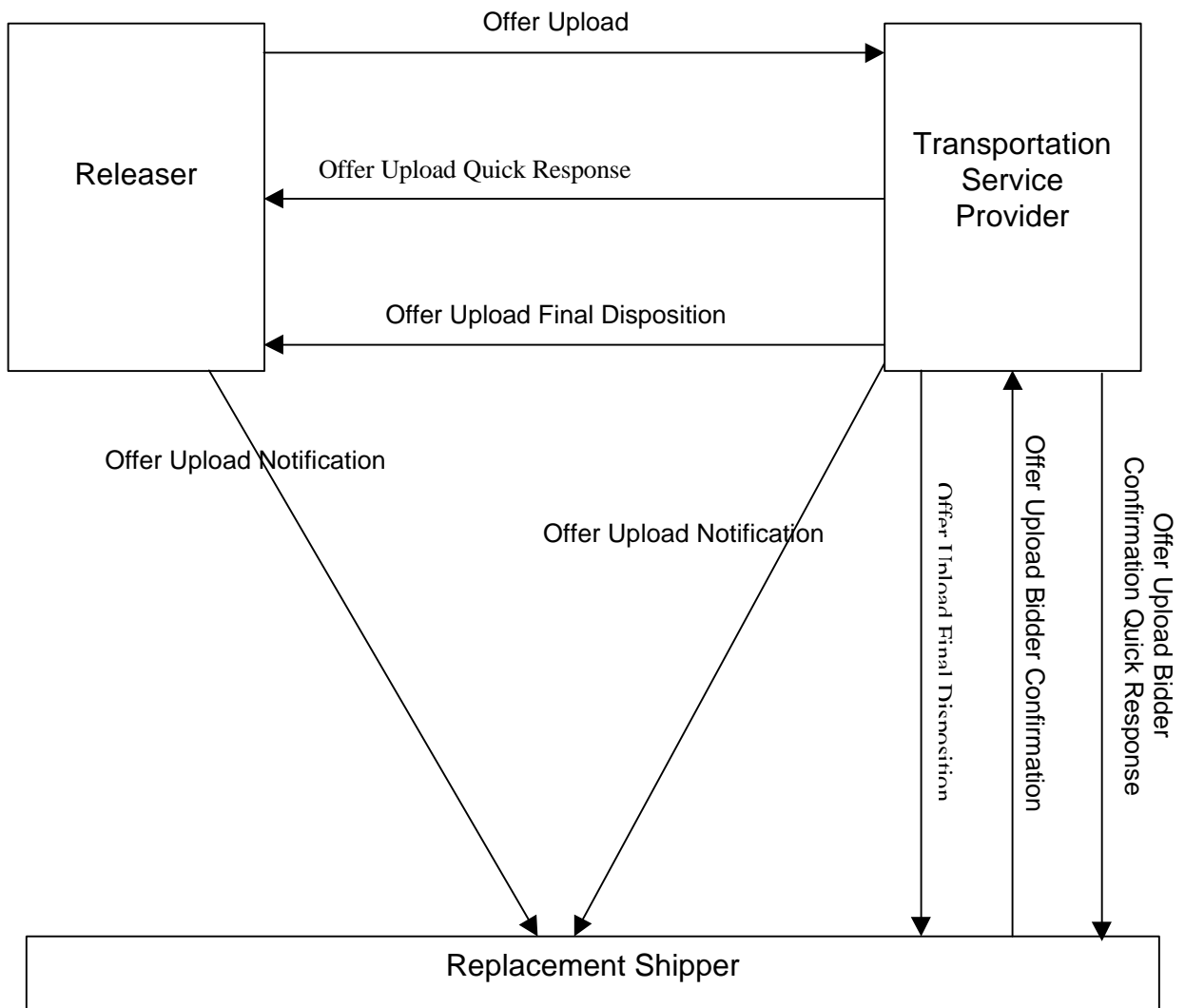
The Offer Upload (ANSI 840) details the quantity, time period, points, restrictions and pricing conditions associated with the released capacity. Step two in this process occurs when the transportation service provider transmits the Offer Upload Quick Response (ANSI 843) to the originating party. This informs the originator that the request passed edit checks, that an offer, bid and/or award number was assigned to the transaction and what, if any, subsequent steps need to be made by the originator. The Bid Upload (ANSI 843) enables a service requester wishing to bid on offered capacity the ability to communicate the terms of the bid. The Bid Upload Quick Response (ANSI 843) is sent from the transportation service provider to the originator of the bid as a direct response to the Bid Upload. This completes the cycle so that the transportation service provider can award the replacement contract (once the bid period ends, if the deal is biddable). The transportation service provider sends the Offer Upload Final Disposition (ANSI 567) to the releasing shipper that submitted the Offer Upload, the prearranged bidder (if any) identified in the Offer Upload and the winning bidder that submitted the Bid Upload.

The following diagram shows the flow of the processes for the Offer Upload, Bid Upload and related transactions:



However, for prearranged deals, which comprise the majority of released capacity transactions, there may be additional business conditional transactions exchanged before the capacity is awarded. Depending on the business practices of the Transportation Service Provider, the releasing party or transportation service provider may request confirmation from the prearranged deal bidder through the Offer Upload Notification (ANSI 840). This transaction gives the bidder all of the details submitted by the releasing service requester, with the assigned offer and bid numbers, and requests that the bidder send a confirming transaction to the transportation service provider. Depending on the business practices of the Transportation Service Provider, the Offer Upload Bidder Confirmation (ANSI 843) is sent to the transportation service provider by the prearranged deal bidder with a positive or negative confirmation of the bid. Because the transportation service provider may not have been the source for the bidder's information, errors may occur, such as mismatched offer and bid numbers. Depending on the business practices of the Transportation Service Provider, the Offer Upload Bidder Confirmation Quick Response (ANSI 824) is sent by the transportation service provider to the prearranged deal bidder to inform the bidder that the confirmation transaction passed edits.

The following diagram shows the flow of the processes for the prearranged Offer Upload and related transactions:



Offers (both prearranged and non-prearranged) and bBids may be withdrawn electronically via the Withdrawal Upload dataset. The Withdrawal Upload dataset is sent from the Releaser to the transportation service provider to withdraw an offer within the standard withdrawal timeline. The dataset is sent from the Bidder to the transportation service provider to withdraw a bid within the standard withdrawal timeline.

The following diagram shows the flow of the Withdrawal Upload dataset:

