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The electronic newsletter from the USPS Headquarters - Industry Engagement & Outreach team - summarizing recent USPS news and developments

Board Leadership - Elections held for Chairman, Vice Chairman



Ron A. Bloom, left, and Roman Martinez IV are chairman and vice chairman, respectively, of the USPS Board of Governors.

Ron A. Bloom and Roman Martinez IV have been unanimously elected chairman and vice chairman, respectively, of the USPS Board of Governors. The elections occurred during the board's Feb. 9 meeting.

Bloom succeeds Robert M. Duncan, the board's chairman since September 2018, who will continue his term as a governor. Bloom has served on the board since August 2019. During a career that has spanned more than 40 years, he has held senior leadership roles with labor unions, financial services firms and the federal government.

Martinez has also served on the board since August 2019 and has chaired the Audit and Finance Committee since October of that year. He has significant experience in the private sector and helping govern private and nonprofit institutions.

The USPS Board of Governors acts much like a board of directors, conducting long-range planning and setting strategic policies, among other duties.

Source: *USPS News Link, Washington, DC*



U.S. Postal Service Awards Contract to Launch Multi-Billion-Dollar Modernization of Postal Delivery Vehicle Fleet

- Oshkosh Defense Will Finalize Design of Next Generation Delivery Vehicle (NGDV), Delivering Up to 165,000 of the U.S.-Built Vehicles Over the Next Decade
- Investment is Part of Soon-to-be-Released, 10-Year Plan to Transform USPS Into the Preferred Delivery Service Provider for the American Public
- Modernization to Reduce USPS Fleet’s Costs and Greenhouse Gas Emissions as Cleaner Technologies, such as Electric Powertrains, Power Carrier Routes
- Video remarks from Postal Service officials on this major announcement are available on the USPS Newsroom

WASHINGTON, DC — The U.S. Postal Service announced today it awarded a 10-year contract to Oshkosh, WI, based Oshkosh Defense, to manufacture a new generation of U.S.-built postal delivery vehicles that will drive the most dramatic modernization of the USPS fleet in three decades. The historic investment is part of a soon-to-be-released plan the Postal Service has developed to transform its financial performance and customer service over the next 10 years through significant investments in people, technology and infrastructure as it seeks to become the preferred delivery service provider for the American public.

Under the contract’s initial \$482 million investment, Oshkosh Defense will finalize the production design of the Next Generation Delivery Vehicle (NGDV) — a purpose-built, right-hand-drive vehicle for mail and package delivery — and will assemble 50,000 to 165,000 of them over 10 years. The vehicles will be equipped with either fuel-efficient internal combustion engines or battery electric powertrains and can be retrofitted to keep pace with advances in electric vehicle technologies. The initial investment includes plant tooling and build-out for the U.S. manufacturing facility where final vehicle assembly will occur.

The contract is the first part of a multi-billion-dollar 10-year effort to replace the Postal Service’s delivery vehicle fleet, one of the world’s largest. The Postal Service fleet has more than 230,000 vehicles in every class, including both purpose-built and commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) vehicles. Approximately

190,000 deliver mail six, and often seven, days a week in every U.S. community. The NGDV, along with other COTS vehicles, will replace and expand the current delivery fleet, which includes many vehicles that have been in service for 30 years. The first NGDVs are estimated to appear on carrier routes in 2023.

“As the American institution that binds our country together, the U.S. Postal Service can have a bright and modern future if we make investments today that position us for excellence tomorrow,” said Postmaster General and USPS Chief Executive Officer Louis DeJoy. “The NGDV program expands our capacity for handling more package volume and supports our carriers with cleaner and more efficient technologies, more amenities, and greater comfort and security as they deliver every day on behalf of the American people.” The NGDV vehicles will include air conditioning and heating, improved ergonomics, and some of the most advanced vehicle technology — including 360-degree cameras, advanced braking and traction control, air bags, a front- and rear-collision avoidance system that includes visual, audio warning, and automatic braking. The vehicles will also have increased cargo capacity to maximize efficiency and better accommodate higher package volumes stemming from the growth of eCommerce.

“Our fleet modernization also reflects the Postal Service’s commitment to a more environmentally sustainable mix of vehicles,” DeJoy said. “Because we operate one of the largest civilian government fleets in the world, we are committed to pursuing near-term and long-term opportunities to reduce our impact on the environment.” The Postal Service awarded the Oshkosh Defense contract in accordance with competitive Postal Service procurement policies after extensive testing of prototype vehicles, evaluation of offered production proposals, and discussions of technical specifications with the offerors.

The award is an indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity (IDIQ) contract, meaning that after an initial dollar commitment, the Postal Service will have the ongoing ability to order more NGDV over a fixed period, in this case, 10 years. Oshkosh Defense is evaluating which of their several U.S. manufacturing locations is best suited to potentially increase the production rate of the NGDV.

Video remarks featuring Postmaster General Louis DeJoy and other Postal Service executives, and an image of the new NGDV are available on the USPS Newsroom.

Source: *USPS Industry Alert dated February 23, 2021*

Introducing our 2021 Contest - The Next Generation Campaign Awards®

The Next Generation Campaign Awards are back.

After last year’s successful contest, we decided to continue with the same awards structure in two categories, the **Grand Champion Award** and the **Innovative B2B Campaign Award**. All Business to Consumer (B2C) campaigns, including those that use our Informed Delivery® feature, are eligible to win the Grand Champion Award, while Business to Business (B2B) campaigns are eligible to win the Innovative B2B Campaign Award.

The awards will recognize B2C and B2B campaigns that include innovative and effective mail piece designs. These designs may include (but are not limited to) the use of shapes, sizes, textures, colors, scents, personally targeted content, specialized inks, conversions to digital, or uncommon enclosures.

Winners will be crowned at the 2021 National Postal Forum (NPF) in Nashville, TN or through a webinar if NPF is virtual on May 4th, 2021.

The Mail Owners, Agencies, and Printers for the Grand Champion Award and Innovative B2B Campaign Award finalist entries will be recognized and invited to speak about their campaigns. The campaign finalists for both awards will be recognized during NPF and in USPS marketing materials.

Entry is free and easy. The entry form and the complete rules can be found at www.usps.com/register.

The Entry Period is from February 15 - March 19, 2021, and submissions must be mailed by March 19th, 2021.

Source: *Industry Alert dated February 25, 2021*

Waiver of January 2021 Mailer Scorecard Assessments

As a result of the extraordinary circumstances experienced during the 2020 peak mailing period, our partners in the mailing industry have seen negative impacts to their Mailer Scorecards which may have caused assessments. Therefore, the US Postal Service has made the decision to waive Mailer Scorecard assessments for Full-Service, Move Update, eInduction and Seamless Acceptance that resulted for January 2021.

- Assessments for the month of January 2021 will be closed and prevented from logging.
- Normal program assessments will resume for February scorecards.

We appreciate your business and look forward to a continued partnership in the future to grow our business.

Source: *USPS Industry Alert dated February 11, 2021*

Year That Was - Commission Releases Annual Report

The Postal Regulatory Commission released its annual report to the president and Congress. The report outlines the ways in which the commission, also known as the PRC, provided regulatory oversight of the Postal Service during the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30.

The document also outlines the agency's work to regulate rates and classes for USPS products and services and provides an analysis of the Postal Service's financial picture.

The PRC's website has the [report](#).

Source: *USPS News Link, Washington, DC*



The PRC's The PRC annual report outlines its work to provide regulatory oversight of USPS.

2021 USPS Mailing Promotions Pre-Recorded Webinars - Are Now Posted

The USPS New Solutions team has pre-recorded webinars for the 2021 Promotions. The webinar presentations and recordings are posted on the *Postal Pro Quick Link page* for each promotion.

Tactile Sensory & Interactive Promotion

Promotion Period: February 1, 2021 – July 31, 2021

Registration Period: December 15, 2020 – July 31, 2021

This promotion allows mailers to utilize new developments in papers/stocks, substrates, finishing techniques and inks are elements that can be incorporated to engage a multi-sensory experience through special visual effects, sound, scent, texture/tactile treatments, and even taste! In addition, interactive mailpiece features (such as pop-ups, infinite folds, or other dimensional treatments) can also help drive a marketer's customer's engagement. By leveraging the physical aspects of the mailpiece as well as the advances in print technology, marketers can enhance how their consumers interact and engage with mail.

Questions about the Tactile Sensory & Interactive Promotion can be sent here: Tactile Sensory Promotion tactilesensorypromo@usps.gov

Click on this link to listen to the **Tactile Sensory & Interactive Promotion** webinar:

<https://postalpro.usps.com/promotions/2021-tactile-sensory>

Emerging & Advanced Technology Promotion

Promotion Period: March 1, 2021 – August 31, 2021

Registration Period: January 15, 2021– August 31, 2021

As mobile and other print technologies evolve, mail has the potential to offer greater value by engaging customers in new and exciting ways. To ensure that Direct Mail continues to be a relevant part of the marketing mix, the Postal Service is offering another promotion encouraging customers to incorporate technologies such as "Enhanced" Augmented Reality, Virtual Reality, Mixed Reality, Near Field Communication (NFC), Video in Print (ViP) featuring Shoppable Video, Integration with Voice Assistants, and Digital to Direct Mail in their direct mail campaigns. Questions about the Emerging & Advanced Technology Promotion can be sent here: Emerging Tech Promotion EmergingTechPromo@usps.gov

Click on this link to listen to the **Emerging & Advanced Technology Promotion** webinar:

<https://postalpro.usps.com/promotions/2021-emerging-tech>

Earned Value Promotion

Promotion Period: April 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021

Registration Period: February 15, 2021 – March 31, 2021

The Earned Value promotion is intended to slow the decline of First-Class Mail® including Business Reply Mail (BRM) and Courtesy Reply Mail (CRM). As technology continues to disrupt mail volume the U.S. Postal Service® would like to encourage mailers to continue distributing BRM, CRM, and Share Mail® pieces. Mailers who register their Mailer ID (MID), permit(s), and use eligible Intelligent Mail® barcodes (IMbs) on their BRM, CRM, and Share Mail pieces may receive a postage credit for each mailpiece that is

placed in the mailstream by the recipient and scanned during the promotion period.
Questions about the Earned Value Promotion can be sent here: earnedvalue@usps.gov

Click on this link to listen to the **Earned Value Promotion** webinar:
<https://postalpro.usps.com/promotions/2021-earned-value>

Personalized Color Transpromo Promotion

Promotion Period: July 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021

Registration Period: May 15, 2021 – December 31, 2021

New print technologies are primed to deliver unique, engaging, and creative experiences you cannot generate in a singularly-digital way. The 2021 Personalized Color Transpromo Promotion is intended to incorporate marketing messages highlighted using color, dynamic variable print and personalization. Color messaging within bills and statements enhances the value of First-Class Mail by fostering a better connection and response from consumers.

Questions about the Personalized Color Trans Promo can be sent here:
FCMColorPromotion@usps.gov

Click on this link to listen to the **Personalized Color Transpromo** webinar:
<https://postalpro.usps.com/promotions/2021-transpromo>

The Mobile Shopping and Informed Delivery promotions pre-recorded webinars will be posted soon.

Mobile Shopping Promotion

Promotion Period: August 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021

Registration Period: June 15, 2021 – December 31, 2021

Direct mail continues to be a relevant part of the marketing mix. The Postal Service is encouraging customers to adopt and invest in technologies that enhance how consumers interact and engage with mail. The 2021 Mobile Shopping promotion encourages mailers to integrate mobile technology with direct mail, thus creating a convenient method for consumers to do their online shopping.

Questions about the Mobile Shopping Promotion can be sent here: mailingpromotions@usps.gov

Click on this link for more information about the **Mobile Shopping Promotion**:
<https://postalpro.usps.com/promotions/2021-mobile-shopping>

Informed Delivery Promotion

Promotion Period: September 1, 2021 – November 30, 2021

Registration Period: July 15, 2021 – November 30, 2021

Informed Delivery is a consumer-facing feature that provides users the opportunity to digitally preview their household mail and manage packages arriving soon; business mailers can conduct an “interactive campaign” which integrates colorful and interactive campaign elements to enhance and extend the mail moment for consumers, thus reaching their target audiences on a digital channel.

Questions about the Informed Delivery Promotion can be sent here: Promotion-InformedDelivery@usps.gov

Click on this link for more information about the **Informed Delivery Promotion**:

<https://postalpro.usps.com/promotions/2021-informed-delivery>

Additional information on all the 2021 USPS mailing promotions can be found here: <https://postalpro.usps.com/promotions>.

Source: *USPS Industry Alert dated January 22, 2021*

Update to Proposed Changes to DMM[®], Section 602, Addressing

On September 22, 2020 the Postal Service published a proposal to amend Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM)[®] in various sections of 602, Addressing, to update addressing standards. The original proposal garnered several comments and an extended comment period was requested.

The Postal Service has updated the proposal based on comments submitted. The updated Federal Register Notice can be found at the links below. **Please note the new comment period closes on March 24, 2021.**

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-02-22/pdf/2020-29031.pdf>
<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-02-22/html/2020-29031.htm>

Source: *USPS Industry Alert dated February 22, 2021*

Detached Mail Unit (DMU) Seamless Extension Requests

The Postal Service published a Federal Register Notice (FRN) of proposed rulemaking on January 8, 2020 (85 FR 856-859), to require mailers with authorized Detached Mail Units (DMU) with Full-Service eligible mail to participate in Seamless Parallel by March 1, 2020 and to enroll in the Seamless Acceptance Program by February 1, 2021. The final FRN published on May 8, 2020 was updated to provide an additional three months (May 1, 2021) for eligible DMUs to enroll in Seamless Acceptance as a condition of their DMU authorization. Therefore, all DMU's with Full-Service eligible mail will be activated to Seamless Acceptance effective May 1, 2021.

Mailers with a DMU that are still unable to comply with Seamless Acceptance by May 1, 2021 must submit an extension request no later than April 15, 2021 and provide the following information:

- DMU Company name and address
- Customer CRID
- Contact name
- Contact email and phone number
- Reason for request- what is the specific issue preventing you from complying with Seamless Acceptance
- Anticipated date you will be prepared for Seamless Acceptance
- Projected plan and steps that you will take to meet extension date

The above information must be sent via email to HQMailEntry@usps.gov no later than April 15, 2021. Commercial Acceptance along with Business Acceptance Solutions will review all extension requests and

provide feedback to the DMU and local Business Mail Entry personnel. These decisions will be final and no subsequent extension requests will be accepted. Questions and concerns should be directed to your Major Mailer Support Specialist or HQMailEntry@usps.gov.

Source: *USPS Industry Alert dated February 23, 2021*

Stamp Corner – Featuring New Stamps



Colorado Hairstreak

The Colorado hairstreak graces the eighth nonmachinable butterfly 75 cent stamp for use on irregularly sized envelopes, such as square greeting cards, invitations or announcements. The stamp art is a highly stylized, simplified image of a Colorado hairstreak (*Hypaurotis crysalus*). Artist Tom Engeman created the stamp art. Art director Derry Noyes designed the stamp.

Issue Date: 3/09/2021

Source: *USPS Newsroom, Washington, DC*

Waste Not -Recycling Info Added to USPS Products

The Postal Service has launched an effort to encourage more customers to recycle Priority Mail boxes and other packaging products. Customers are sometimes unaware that many USPS products — stamped with the words “Please Recycle” along with the universal chasing-arrows recycling symbol — are made from recyclable materials and shouldn’t be discarded with other waste. To encourage more customers to recycle, the Postal Service has joined forces with How2Recycle, a consumer-oriented package labeling system that uses Federal Trade Commission guidance to help customers properly recycle.

How2Recycle labels communicate to customers precise instructions, including how to prep for recycling, the type of recyclable material, such as plastic or paper, and the packaging format, such as bottles and boxes, to make recycling easier. Cereal boxes, soup cans and other pantry items often carry How2Recycle guidance. The How2Recycle labels will be added to Priority Mail, Priority Mail Express and ReadyPost packaging and other Postal Service products this year.

“The Postal Service’s vision is to be a sustainability leader by encouraging a culture of conservation — and recycling is an integral part of those efforts. We’re proud to work with How2Recycle to make it easier for our customers to recycle Priority Mail and other packaging materials,” said USPS Chief Sustainability Officer Jennifer Beiro-Réveillé.

The [USPS Sustainability website](#) has additional information about the Postal Service’s sustainability efforts.

Source: *USPS News Link, Washington, DC*

A Debt to Collecting - 'Shark Tank' Star Gleans Lesson from Stamp Hobby

Dallas Mavericks owner and "Shark Tank" regular Mark Cuban credits youthful stamp collecting with helping him to better understand the wilder corners of today's digital market. Cuban explained in a recent blog post that, as a teen, he noticed that a certain stamp might be sold by multiple vendors at the same philatelic show for very different prices.

"I literally bought a stamp for 50 cents from one stamp dealer and an hour later sold it to another dealer at the same show for \$25. I quickly went from being a collector to being 'an investor,' trying to take advantage of these inefficiencies," Cuban wrote.

Today's young digital investors are targeting similar inefficiencies, in his view. Where stamps, gold, art and other tangible assets require funds to store, sell and ship, digital "goods" require no such outlay. "And it took me collecting stamps ... to truly understand why this is true," he wrote.

For those "old schoolers" who believe that value can only be had in tangible assets, he suggested that they wake up to the thinking of a generation of digital natives, who have "known their entire lives that what has been of greatest value to them has been digital." And in the last three years especially, digital and crypto assets have proven to be legitimate "stores of value," in his view. There is a "there, there," he wrote.

Source: *USPS News Link, Washington, DC*

Interested in Joining MTAC?

The Postmaster General's Mailers Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) is a venue for the United States Postal Service ("Postal Service") to share technical information with mailers. It's also a way to receive mailers advice and recommendations on matters concerning mail-related products and services, in order to enhance customer value and expand the use of these products and services for the mutual benefit of mailing industry stakeholders and the Postal Service.

Check out our Web Site for more information at: <https://postalpro.usps.com/mtac>

Or for further information please contact the MTAC Program Manager at MTAC@usps.gov.

A Few Upcoming Events ...

March 2 – 9:00 AM CST

Southern Areas Inspiring Mail (AIM) Virtual Meeting

For information contact: SAaim@usps.gov

March 10 – 2:00 PM EST

Periodical Updates – Chuck Tricamo, Manager, Pricing & Classification Service Center, and Steve Smith Publishing Logistics, and Postal Expert on Base 60 Consulting.

For information contact: Cathy.M.Scocco@usps.gov

March 18 – 11:00 AM EST

Atlantic Areas Inspiring Mail (AIM) Thursday Series Virtual Meeting
For information contact: AIMNortheastArea@usps.gov

March 30-31 – MTAC Virtual Meeting

For information contact: MTAC@usps.gov

May 2-5

National Postal Forum

Nashville TN

For information contact: info@npf.org

June 29-30 – MTAC Virtual Meeting

For information contact: MTAC@usps.gov

November 2-3 – MTAC Virtual Meeting

For information contact: MTAC@usps.gov

And Now Some Fun Facts

DID YOU KNOW:

The Origin of African American History Month

February is African American History Month and the origin can be traced back to a man named Carter G. Woodson, the son of former slaves. Woodson was an amazing man in his own right. Since his family didn't have the means to send him to school as a child, he taught himself the basics of a school education. At age 20, Woodson was finally able to attend high school, which he completed in just two years.

He then went on to earn both bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Chicago. In 1912, Woodson became the second African American to earn a doctorate from Harvard University. Woodson used his education to teach in public schools and at Howard University in Washington, DC.

Looking ahead to March

March is Women's History Month. During the month of March, we give a little extra attention to all the amazing accomplishments of strong, determined women. Since 1987, the United States has formally recognized March as National Women's History Month. Every woman has a story to tell and gifts to share with the world. So, get ready, because this month is about honoring magnificent ladies, and we are ready to celebrate it to the fullest.

March 8 is International Women's Day. This is a day that not only celebrates the achievements of women and the progress made toward women's rights, but also brings attention to ongoing struggles for equality around the world.

March 14 is the start of Daylight Saving Time, which begins at 2:00 A.M. that day. Don't forget to "spring forward" and set the clocks one hour ahead, or you may find yourself an hour late to everything.

March 15 is the start March Madness. It's the best month for NCAA basketball. Do you have your brackets ready?

March 17 is St. Patrick's Day. According to folklore, folks wear a shamrock on St. Patrick's Day because the saint used its three leaves to explain the Trinity.

March 20 is the Start of Spring. The March equinox occurs on Saturday, March 20. In the Northern Hemisphere, this is known as the vernal, or spring, equinox and marks the start of the spring season.

March 27 is the start of Passover, which begins at sundown on this day.

March 28 is Palm Sunday, also called Passion Sunday. In the Christian tradition, it is the first day of Holy Week and the Sunday before Easter.

And don't forget:

March 11 – Johnny Appleseed Day – Enjoy an apple or bake something with apples in it.

March 21 – Absolutely Incredible Kid Day – Honor all the incredible kids in your life.

March 29 – National Mom and Pop Business Owners Day – It's an opportunity to celebrate your favorite family-owned businesses.

March 30 – National Take a Walk in the Park Day – Get active and enjoy the physical and mental benefits that come from walking in nature.

And this is interesting: The Worm Moon

March's full Moon goes by the name Worm Moon, which was originally thought to refer to the earthworms that appear as the soil warms in spring. This invites robins and other birds to feed—a true sign of spring which is just around the corner!

Federal Register Notices:

Published in the Federal Register February 25, 2021

Notice of Changes to Postal Service Standard 4C (Doc # 2021- 03722)

AGENCY: Postal Service

ACTION: Notice of Changes.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service has updated the Postal Operation Manual (POM) to revise Standard 4C concerning apartment parcel locker ratios.

DATES: Federal Register Publication: December 18, 2020 to January 19, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Delivery.Growth@usps.gov, Valerie Barksdale, 202-268-2567.

Published in the Federal Register February 24, 2021

Extra Services Refund Time Limit (Doc # 2021- 03406)

AGENCY: Postal Service

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service is amending Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM®) to revise the time limit for extra service refunds.

DATES: Effective Date: April 5, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sheila Marano at (202) 268-4257, Adaisja Johnson at (202) 268-6724, or Garry Rodriguez at (202) 268-7281.

Published in the Federal Register February 22, 2021

Addressing Standards (Doc # 2021- 29031)

AGENCY: Postal Service

ACTION: Proposed rule; revision; additional comment period.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service is revising its pending proposal to amend Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM®) in various sections of Addressing, to update addressing standards.

DATES: Submit comments on or before March 24, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Wilson at (901) 681-4600, Kai Fisher at (901) 681-4634, or Garry Rodriguez at (202) 268-7281.

Published in the Federal Register February 19, 2021

Treatment of E-Cigarettes in the Mail (Doc # 2021- 03393)

AGENCY: Postal Service

ACTION: Proposed revision, invitation for comment.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service proposes to revise Publication 52, Hazardous, Restricted, and Perishable Mail, to incorporate new statutory restrictions on the mailing of electronic nicotine delivery systems. Such items would be subject to the same prohibition as cigarettes and smokeless tobacco, subject to many of the same exceptions.

DATES: We must receive your comments on or before March 22, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dale E. Kennedy, 202-268-6592.

Published in the Federal Register February 18, 2021

Bylaws of the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service (Doc # 2021- 00485)

AGENCY: Postal Service

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Bylaws of the Board of Governors are being amended to address a variety of issues. Many of the amendments are designed to clarify, in both form and substance, existing provisions, and to increase their accuracy and align them to current practice. Additions and deletions have also been made to better conform the Bylaws to existing law.

DATES: This rule is effective as of February 18, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael J. Elston, Secretary of the Board of Governors, michael.j.elston@usps.gov, 202-268-4800.

Published in the Federal Register February 9, 2021

New Outbound Commercial Provider Initiative (OCPI) Program Information; Opportunity for Comments; Correction (Doc # 2021-02602)

AGENCY: Postal Service

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking; invitation to comment; correction.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service published a document in the Federal Register of February 1, 2021,

concerning an advance notification of and introduction to the Outbound Commercial Provider Initiative (OCPI) program. This document updates the expected implementation date of the OCPI program and adds an item to the list of examples of products that are not within the scope of the OCPI program.

DATES: February 9, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frank Cebello, 202-268-8058; or GlobalBusinessOCPI@usps.gov.

Published in the Federal Register February 1, 2021

New Outbound Commercial Provider Initiative (OCPI) Program Information; Opportunity for Comments (Doc # 2020- 28968)

AGENCY: Postal Service

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking; invitation to comment.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service is providing an advance notification and introduction to the Outbound Commercial Provider Initiative (OCPI) program. This document provides general information on the OCPI program, related mailing requirements, and shipping standards. The Postal Service is exploring the advisability of the OCPI program and providing support to mailers to assure their ability to adhere to the new OCPI program guidelines.

DATES: Comments on this notice are due March 3, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frank Cebello, 202-268-8058; or GlobalBusinessOCPI@usps.gov.

Negotiated Service Agreements:

International Product Changes-**International Priority Airmail, Commercial ePacket, Priority Mail Express International, Priority Mail International & First-Class Package International** Service Agreement:

International Product Changes-**International Priority Airmail, Commercial ePacket, Priority Mail Express International, Priority Mail International & First-Class Package International** Service with Reseller Agreement:

International Product Changes-**International Priority Airmail, International Service Air Lift, Commercial ePacket, Priority Mail Express International, Priority Mail International & First-Class Package International** Service with Reseller Agreement:

International Product Changes-**Priority Mail Express International, Priority Mail International & Commercial ePacket Duty and Tax** Chargeback Agreement:

International Product Changes-**Priority Mail Express International, Priority Mail International and First-Class Package International** Service Agreement:

International Product Changes-**Priority Mail Express International, Priority Mail International, First-Class Package International Service and Commercial ePacket** Agreement:

International Product Changes-**International Priority Airmail, Commercial ePacket, Priority Mail**

Express International, Priority Mail International & First-Class Package International Service with Reseller Agreement:

International Product Changes-**International Priority Airmail** Agreement:

International Product Changes-**Competitive Multi-Service Commercial Contracts 1:**

Product Changes-**Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail, First-Class Package Service and Parcel Select Service** *Negotiated Service Agreements:*

Product Changes-**Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail and First-Class Package Service** *Negotiated Service Agreements:*

Product Changes-**Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail and First-Class** *Negotiated Service Agreements:*

Product Changes-**Priority Mail Express and Priority Mail** *Negotiated Service Agreements:* 2/25/2021 – (Doc# 2021-03844), 2/25/2021 – (Doc# 2021-03846)

Product Changes-**Priority Mail Express** *Negotiated Service Agreements:*

Product Changes-**Priority Mail** *Negotiated Service Agreements:*

Product Changes-**Priority Mail and First-Class Package Service** *Negotiated Service Agreements:* 2/10/2021 – (Doc# 2021-02747)

Product Changes-**Priority Mail, First Class and Parcel Select** *Negotiated Service Agreements:*

Product Changes-**Priority Mail and Parcel Select** *Negotiated Service Agreements:*

Product Changes-**First-Class Package Service** *Negotiated Service Agreements:*

Product Changes-**Parcel Select** *Negotiated Service Agreements:*

Product Changes-**Parcel Select and Parcel Return Service** *Negotiated Service Agreements:* 2/25/2021 – (Doc# 2021-03845)

Product Changes-**Parcel Return Service** *Negotiated Service Agreements:*

Postal Bulletins:

Postal Bulletin 22566 dated 2/25/2021

<https://about.usps.com/postal-bulletin/2021/pb22566/pb22566.pdf>

Manuals

DMM Revision: Permit Imprint Minimum Volumes

ELM Revision: Combined Federal Campaign Program

ELM Revision: Sex Discrimination Policy

IMM Revision: First-Class Mail International Service

IMM Revision: Individual Country Listing for Australia

IMM Revision: Individual Country Listing for Japan

IMM Revision: Individual Country Listing for Pakistan

Handbooks

Handbook AS-709 Revision: Purchase Card Local Buying Policies and Procedures

Publications

Publication 431: Revision: Changes to Post Office Box Service and Caller Service Fee Groups

Forms

PS Form 2181-D Revision: Disclosure and Authorization for Consumer Reports and Investigative Consumer Reports

Postal Bulletin 22565 dated 2/11/2021

<https://about.usps.com/postal-bulletin/2021/pb22565/pb22565.pdf>

Manuals

DMM Revision: Oversize Items Postage and Fee Refunds

IMM Correction: Indemnity Limit for International Registered Mail Service

Publications

Publication 431 Revision: Changes to Post Office Box Service and Caller Service Fee Groups

Additional Resources:

FRN: [Federal Register Notices](#)

PB: [Postal Bulletin](#)

PE: [Postal Explorer](#) is a mailer's resource for all information contained in the [Domestic Mail Manual](#) (DMM), [International Mail Manual](#) (IMM), [Publication 52](#), *Hazardous, Restricted, and Perishable Mail*.

PostalPro: [PostalPro](#) is a mailer's resource for other information (i.e., Mailing and Shipping, Operations, Industry Forum, Certifications, Resources).

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