

Participation Opportunity for United States Postal Service (US Postal Service) USPS Approved Shipping and Returns Consolidators web page

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The United States Postal Service is introducing a new web page, providing Shipping and Returns providers an opportunity to be included on the page that will be located on USPS.com.

The US Postal Service would like to provide contact information for companies who provide consolidated shipping and return services with the US Postal Service providing the first or last mile of delivery services. There is no cost or fee associated for approved consolidators listed on the US Postal Service® Approved Consolidator Shipping and Returns web page ; however, participating companies must meet the criteria set forth below and enter into a Consolidator Linking Agreement and License Agreement with the United States Postal Service. The web page will be accessible from at least one but potentially several web pages on USPS.com, and the US Postal Service may in its sole discretion promote the companies selected or the web page(s) with some potential marketing initiatives.

Instructions to Responders:

Interested shipping and return providers that meet the mandatory requirements provided at PostalPro, https://postalpro.usps.com/approved_shipping_and_returns_consolidators, are invited to complete the application. To the extent there is any discrepancy between this Notice of Opportunity and the mandatory requirements set forth on Postal Pro, the requirement stated on Postal Pro shall prevail.

Any information provided in response to this request will not be returned. Any and all responses are voluntary and US Postal Service will not pay for any information submitted in response to this request. The US Postal Service will evaluate all responses pursuant to requirements for inclusion on the USPS Approved Shipping and Returns Consolidators website. Only electronic submissions will be accepted. An email notification will be sent acknowledging successful receipt of the response.

Evaluation Criteria:

The US Postal Service will evaluate all responses and select prospective Consolidator Shipping and Returns providers based on the following criteria.

Requirements for Consolidator Shipping and Returns Providers for Inclusion on the USPS Approved Shipping and Returns Consolidators web page:

- Ship using USPS® Outbound or Returns product
- Participate in Seamless Acceptance for Packages (SAP)
- Have or established an Enterprise Payment System (EPS) account
- Have or established a Business Customer Gateway (BCG) account
- Participate in the Electronic Verification System (eVS®)
- Generate Intelligent Mail® Package Barcode (IMpb®) for packages submitted in the mail stream
- No diversion of mail and packages to be tendered to the Postal Service to other delivery companies
- Selected entities will also be required to enter into a Consolidator Linking Agreement and License Agreement with the Postal Service

For a complete list of required information regarding the criteria, please see the Consolidator Shipping and Return Providers Application Template (hyperlinked). The US Postal Service reserves the right to modify or change the criteria.

Decisions regarding participation are made at the sole discretion of the US Postal Service based on an applicant's submitted. Additional supplemental information may be requested in order to finalize a decision. The US Postal Service has the exclusive authority to permit or deny participation on the web page to any entity. The US Postal Service reserves all rights to modify or change any content on the USPS Approved Shipping and Returns Consolidators web page.

Any proprietary information should be properly identified and marked as such. Supplementary financial information, if requested, should be uploaded in the USPS Approved Shipping and Returns Consolidators Registration Application when prompted. Any information provided in response to this request will not be returned. Any and all responses are voluntary and the US Postal Service will not pay for any information submitted in response to this request. Only electronic submissions will be accepted through the USPS Approved Shipping and Returns Consolidator web page Registration Application. Uploaded documents should include reference to the "USPS Approved Shipping and Returns Consolidators" web page and submitting organization's name in the subject line. Attachment size should not exceed 3MB and only the following document types will be accepted (.doc, .docx, .pdf).

All applications will be reviewed by the **Business Alliances Office** for compliance with business criteria to determine the financial health and integrity of the company represented in the application. The applicant must provide a Tax Identification Number (TIN). If applicant does not have a TIN then a Tax Return from the preceding year must be supplied. Upon receipt of the completed application the US Postal Service will request a credit report from one or more of the three major credit agencies (Experian, TransUnion, Equifax), and may also run a Dunn and Bradstreet Paydex Report in order to meet internal regulations related to the fiscal solvency of companies linked to and from USPS.com. During the review processes the applicant may be required to provide additional company information before the review process can be completed.