

# LICENSING ANNOUNCEMENT

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## **AMS API ENHANCEMENTS**

Primary Audience: AMS API Licensees

### **State Abbreviation at the ZIP + 4® Level**

In an effort to further enhance the AMS API Product, the USPS® is researching the benefits of populating the State Abbreviation field in the stack when matching to a record at the ZIP + 4® level. As we continue to develop this effort, we would like your feedback to find out if there will be any impacts to your current applications.

Currently, the State Abbreviation field is not populated in the stack at the ZIP + 4 level. The State Abbreviation field is directly related to the ZIP + 4 record matched; however the information in the field may or may not match the state abbreviation from the mailing address. This enhancement will provide the correct information in the State Abbreviation field at the ZIP + 4 level, though this information **should not** be used for address matching. The information **should only** be used to determine the state for the location of the ZIP + 4 record **and** retrieve the correct county name for the ZIP + 4 record using the information in the State Abbreviation and County Number fields from the ZIP + 4 record.

This enhancement will only be retrievable with AMS API versions 3.03.07.N or higher. Previous versions will ignore the information in the State Abbreviation field and will continue to be blank.

Based on this information, let us know if your applications will be impacted by this enhancement by sending feedback to [ncoalink@usps.gov](mailto:ncoalink@usps.gov) by [Monday, October 1](#). [The timeline to begin populating the State Abbreviation field is the February Product, which will be posted Monday, January 14.](#)

### **New Software Developer Kits (SDK) on EPF**

To simplify and better manage the Electronic Product Fulfillment (EPF) process, we will be adding the two new SDKs listed below that will be compiled using Visual Studio 2017:

- Windows 32-bit
- Windows 64-bit

Instead of adding these SDKs to the current encrypted versions, we are creating individual unencrypted SDKs for each platform. These SDKs will contain both the AMS API and DPV® libraries. Also the current SDKs for the Windows 32-bit; Linux 32-bit; and Linux 64-bit platforms will be made available for individual download; however we will continue to maintain the current encrypted SDKs for parallel download and testing. The new SDKs will be available for download via EPF Monday, September 17.

The Windows 64-bit version will be made available on a free trial basis to all Windows 32-bit licensees and will be valid until December 31, 2018, at which time it will expire. In order to continue receiving it, a subscription will be required specifically for the Windows 64-bit platform.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact us at: [ncoalink@usps.gov](mailto:ncoalink@usps.gov).