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## Officer Retirement Announcement Tom A. Samra, Vice President, Facilities

Tom A. Samra, Vice President, Facilities will be retiring at the end of the month. Tom has had an impressive career of more than 15 years with the Postal Service.

Tom has been responsible for all aspects of managing one of the largest civilian facility inventories in the United States, heading the department responsible for all Postal Service properties, including 8,734 federally owned and 23,078 leased facilities containing 275 million interior square feet.

Of note, Tom has directed major expansion and modernization projects such as the replacement of the Los Angeles International Service Center, and buildouts at the New Jersey Network Distribution Center, as well as the Farley and Morgan facilities in New York over the past two years. In 2018, under Tom's oversight, the new Portland, OR, Processing and Distribution Center was completed, including a 700,000-square-foot workroom floor—one of the largest in the Postal Service. The plant brought together operations from three previous locations, increasing USPS facility efficiency.

Tom has also led significant sustainability gains at our facilities. One example is the 2017 installation of a historic solar power generation system at the Los Angeles Processing and Distribution Center. The system generates enough power to support more than 2,400 households and avoids emissions that equate to taking 2,000 cars off the road annually.

Prior to joining the Postal Service, Tom worked 31 years in project development and facilities management, both domestically and internationally. Previous assignments included vice president of real estate development and material management for the American Red Cross and regional engineering manager in London, England, for United Parcel Service.

Tom has served with distinction throughout his career. In particular, his leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic, where his efforts helped ensure the continued safety of employees and the efficient operation of postal facilities.

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