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November 23, 2011

Omar Gonzalez  
 Western Regional Coordinator  
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 Burlingame, CA 94010-1882

Omar M. Gonzalez, Coordinator

Dear Mr. Gonzalez,

On September 15, 2011, we notified you that we were beginning an Area Mail Processing (AMP) feasibility study at the Farmington, NM, CSMPC. The Arizona District office has completed its review and submitted it to the Western Area Office for consideration.

We welcome public input and will hold a meeting to explain the proposal on Tuesday, December 13, 2011, at 6 p.m., at San Juan College, Fine Arts Center, 4601 College Drive, in Farmington.

Attached please find a summary brief of the AMP proposal. One week prior to the meeting, we will post presentation materials along with the summary brief on our website, <http://about.usps.com/streamlining-operations/area-mail-processing.htm>.

We also will accept any public comment on the study up to 15 days after the meeting. Comments may be mailed to:

Manager, Consumer and Industry Contact  
 Arizona District  
 PO Box 21628  
 Phoenix AZ 85036-1628

If you have any questions concerning this AMP proposal, please contact Scott Sutton at 303-313-5449.

Sincerely,

Chris A. Jordan  
 Manager, Labor Relations  
 Western Area

Attachment

cc: Area Vice President  
 HQ Vice President, Labor Relations

**AREA MAIL PROCESSING (AMP) FEASIBILITY STUDY**  
**Farmington, NM, CSMPC to Albuquerque, NM, P&DC**

November 23, 2011

An Area Mail Processing (AMP) study was initiated to evaluate moving the mail processing operations from the Farmington, NM, Customer Service Mail Processing Center (CSMPC) to the Albuquerque, NM, Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC). The initial results of the study support the business case for consolidation. This study, currently in review at United States Postal Service Headquarters and its Area Office, is subject to change.

A public meeting will be held to share the initial results of the study and allow members of the community to ask questions and provide feedback. The public's input will be considered prior to a final decision. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 13, at 6 p.m., at San Juan College, Fine Arts Center, 4601 College Drive, in Farmington. Below are preliminary highlights from the study:

**Business Case:**

Proposed annual savings in the draft AMP feasibility study are approximately \$359,434. Below is a breakdown of this savings estimate:

Annual Mail Processing Savings	\$254,799
Annual Transportation Savings	\$104,635

**Postal Employees:**

Due to the consolidation, a net decrease of approximately six positions is projected. All bargaining employee reassignments will be made in accordance with the respective collective bargaining agreements.

**Local Customer Considerations:**

- Retail and other services currently available at the Farmington facility will not change at this time.
- Business mail acceptance will remain.
- Local collection box pick-up times may change as a result of the AMP.
- A local postmark will be available for stamped First-Class Mail.
- Delivery times of mail to residences and businesses will not change as a result of the AMP.
- The proposed consolidation would support a 2- to 3-day service standard for First-Class Mail.

**Commercial Mailers:**

- Mailers who presort mail will continue to receive appropriate postage discounts.
- Mailers who drop ship to Destination Sectional Center Facility (DSCF) for ZIP(s) 874 can expect changes if the AMP is approved.

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All comments must be postmarked by December 28, 2011.