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Omar M. Gonzalez, Coordinator

November 23, 2011

Omar Gonzalez
 Western Regional Coordinator
 APWU, AFL-CIO
 1350 Old Bayshore Hwy. Suite 360
 Burlingame, CA 94010-1882

Dear Mr. Gonzalez,

On September 15, 2011, we notified you that we were beginning an Area Mail Processing (AMP) feasibility study at the Socorro, 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 Thursday, December 15, 2011, at 6 p.m., at the Socorro Public Library, 401 Park Street, in Socorro.

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 & 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
Socorro, 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 Socorro, 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 Thursday, December 15, at 6 p.m., at the Socorro Public Library, 401 Park Street, in Socorro. Below are preliminary highlights from the study:

Business Case:

Proposed annual savings in the draft AMP feasibility study are approximately \$149,464. Below is a breakdown of this savings estimate:

Annual Mail Processing Savings	\$45,897
Annual Management Savings	\$46,921
Annual Transportation Savings	\$56,646

Postal Employees:

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

Net Craft Employee Impact	-1
Net Supervisory/Management Employee Impact	-2

Local Customer Considerations:

- Retail and other services currently available at the Socorro facility will remain.
- Business mail acceptance will remain the same.
- 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) 878 can expect changes if the AMP is approved.

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All comments must be postmarked by December 30, 2011.