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November 1, 2011

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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 Tacoma, WA, P&DC. The Seattle 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, November 17, 2011, at 5:30 p.m., at the Tacoma Public Library, 1102 Tacoma Avenue South, in Tacoma.

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  
Seattle District  
PO Box 90306  
Seattle WA 98109-9631

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**  
**Tacoma, WA, P&DC to Seattle, WA, P&DC**

November 1, 2011

An Area Mail Processing (AMP) study was initiated to evaluate moving the mail processing operations from the Tacoma, WA, Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC) to the Seattle, WA, 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 Western 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, November 17, 2011, at 5:30 p.m., at the Tacoma Public Library, 1102 Tacoma Avenue South, in Tacoma. Below are preliminary highlights from the study:

**Business Case:**

Below is a breakdown of the estimate of annual savings:

Annual Mail Processing Savings	\$3,026,523
Annual Management Savings	\$1,362,865
Annual Maintenance Savings	\$2,468,370
Annual Transportation Savings	\$83,948

Proposed annual savings in the draft AMP feasibility study are approximately \$6,941,706.

**Postal Employees:**

Due to the consolidation, a net decrease of approximately 139 positions is projected. All bargaining employee reassignments will be made in accordance with the respective collective bargaining agreements.

Net Craft Employee Impact	-134
Net Supervisory/Management Employee Impact	-5

**Local Customer Considerations:**

- There are no retail services available at the Tacoma facility.
- 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) 983 and 984 can expect changes if the AMP is approved.

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All comments must be postmarked by December 2, 2011.