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Mr. Ivan D. Butts
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Dear Ivan:

After carefully considering the relevant factors found in Article 32 of the National Collective Bargaining Agreements, the Postal Service has made the decision to contract with a third-party to install Robotic Induction Systems (RIS) on 53 Automated Parcel Bundle Sorter (APBS) machines in 27 facilities across the Postal Service.

The RIS program is designed to add robotic solutions to the Postal Service package processing systems by replacing manual singulation and facing of packages with robotic technology. The RIS will automate package induction operations in mail processing facilities in an effort to increase productivity, improve service and satisfy customer needs. The RIS is a commercial off-the-self pedestal robot that can pick up packages from bulk flow and place them on the APBS induction line. The RIS will have minimal impact the APBS operation and will not adversely impact the overall machine footprint. The deployment of RIS will be targeting facilities that have both 5 and 6-induction station APBS machines, with 1 or 2 RIS units being set up on each APBS machine.

No significant impact to the bargaining unit is anticipated with this outsourcing.

If there are any questions or concerns regarding this program, please contact me in my office at (202) 268-2357.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David E. Mills".

David E. Mills
Director
Labor Relations Policies and Programs