



May 12, 2020

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Dear Brian:

This letter is in further reference to the pilot test of the Maintenance Bidding System (MBS). Notice of this pilot was provided by letters dated August 21, 2019, and March 11 (enclosed).

As previously informed, the MBS is a client/server system for filling open maintenance positions at facilities. It is intended to automate the maintenance job bidding process in compliance with the APWU contract, providing the ability to manage the employee's Preferred Assignment Register (PAR) and the site's Promotion Eligibility Registers (PER). If successful, the MBS will replace the Automated Bidding Program (ABID).

The previous notices identified three test sites; Roanoke Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC) in Roanoke, Virginia, Linthicum IMF in Linthicum Heights, Maryland, and Columbus P&DC in Columbus, Ohio.

The Postal Service has decided to further test the MBS at the Boston P&DC in Boston, Massachusetts beginning in June.

During the pilot, the test sites will continue to use the current ABID system alongside the MBS to ensure functionality is in compliance with the APWU contract.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Shannon Richardson at extension 5842.

Sincerely,

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Rickey R. Dean  
Manager  
Contract Administration (APWU)

Enclosures



August 21, 2019

Mr. Brian J. Wagner  
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Dear Brian:

As a matter of general information, the Postal Service intends to pilot test the Maintenance Bidding System (MBS) at two locations beginning in mid-September. The MBS is a client/server system for filling open maintenance positions at facilities. It automates the maintenance job bidding process in compliance with the APWU contract, providing the ability to manage the employee's Preferred Assignment Register (PAR) and the site's Promotion Eligibility Registers (PER). One of the many benefits of the MBS is the automation of employee data from HCES, decreasing the need to manually input data. If successful, MBS will replace the Automated Bidding Program (ABID).

The selected test sites are:

Roanoke P&DC  
419 Rutherford AVE NE  
Roanoke VA 24022-9997

Linthicum IMF  
961 Corporate Blvd  
Linthicum Heights MD 21090-2225

During the pilot, the test sites will continue to use the current ABID system alongside MBS to ensure functionality is in compliance with the APWU contract. Beginning in January of 2020, the Postal Service plans to discontinue the ABID system for the pilot sites and only use the MBS. Subsequently, national implementation of MBS will follow.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeffery Meadows at (304) 743-9436.

Sincerely,

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March 11, 2020

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Dear Brian:

This letter is in further reference to the pilot test of the Maintenance Bidding System (MBS). Notice of this pilot was provided by letter dated August 21, 2019 (enclosed).

As previously informed, the MBS is a client/server system for filling open maintenance positions at facilities. It is intended to automate the maintenance job bidding process in compliance with the APWU contract, providing the ability to manage the employee's Preferred Assignment Register (PAR) and the site's Promotion Eligibility Registers (PER). If successful, the MBS will replace the Automated Bidding Program (ABID).

The previous notice identified two test sites; the Roanoke Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC) in Roanoke, Virginia, and the Linthicum IMF in Linthicum Heights, MD. The Postal Service has decided to also test the MBS at the Columbus P&DC in Columbus, OH.

Pilot testing of the MBS at the test sites is scheduled to begin in April. During the pilot, the test sites will continue to use the current ABID system alongside the MBS to ensure functionality is in compliance with the APWU contract.

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Enclosure