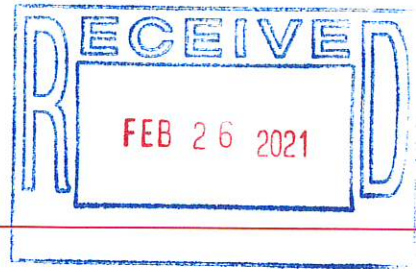


LABOR RELATIONS



February 24, 2021

Mr. Brian J. Wagner
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Faxed

Dear Mr. Wagner:

As a matter of general interest, the Postal Service has announced the award of a 10-year contract to Oshkosh Defense to manufacture the Next Generation Delivery Vehicle (NGDV) which will be U.S.-built delivery vehicles.

Oshkosh Defense, based in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, will finalize the production design of the next-NGDV, for the right-hand-drive vehicle for mail and package delivery, and will assemble 50,000 to 165,000 of them over 10 years.

The NGDV, along with other commercial vehicles, will replace and expand the current delivery fleet of Long Life Vehicles (LLV), which includes many vehicles that have been in service for 30 years. The first NGDVs are estimated to appear on carrier routes in 2023.

Enclosed is a copy of the USPS LINK Extra announcing the award.

Please contact Bruce Nicholson at extension 7773 if you have questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

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

David E. Mills
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Labor Relations Policies and Programs

Enclosure

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Link Extra

New vehicles

USPS awards contract to modernize delivery fleet

Feb. 23 at 3:04 p.m.



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The Postal Service has awarded a 10-year contract to Oshkosh Defense to manufacture a new generation of U.S.-built delivery vehicles that will drive the most dramatic modernization of the USPS fleet in three decades.

The historic investment is part of a soon-to-be-released plan the Postal Service has developed to transform its financial performance and customer service during the next decade through significant investments in people, technology and infrastructure as it seeks to become the preferred delivery service provider for the American public.

Under the contract's initial \$482 million investment, Oshkosh Defense, based in Oshkosh, WI, will finalize the production design of the next-generation delivery vehicle (NGDV), a purpose-built, right-hand-drive vehicle for mail and package delivery, and will assemble 50,000 to 165,000 of them over 10 years.

The vehicles will be equipped with either fuel-efficient internal combustion engines or battery electric powertrains and can be retrofitted to keep pace with advances in electric vehicle technologies. The initial investment includes plant tooling and build-out for the U.S. manufacturing facility where final vehicle assembly will occur.

The contract is the first part of a multi-billion-dollar 10-year effort to replace the Postal Service's delivery vehicle fleet, one of the world's largest.

The USPS fleet has more than 230,000 vehicles in every class, including commercial-off-the-shelf vehicles. Approximately 190,000 deliver mail six, and often seven, days a week in every U.S. community.

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“As the American institution that binds our country together, the U.S. Postal Service can have a bright and modern future if we make investments today that position us for excellence tomorrow,” said Postmaster General Louis DeJoy. “The NGDV program expands our capacity for handling more package volume and supports our carriers with cleaner and more efficient technologies, more amenities, and greater comfort and security as they deliver every day on behalf of the American people.”

The NGDVs will include air conditioning and heating, improved ergonomics and some of the most advanced vehicle technology — including 360-degree cameras, advanced braking and traction control, air bags and a front- and rear-collision avoidance system that includes visual and audio warnings.

The vehicles will also have increased cargo capacity to maximize efficiency and better accommodate higher package volumes stemming from the growth of electronic commerce.

“Our fleet modernization also reflects the Postal Service’s commitment to a more environmentally sustainable mix of vehicles,” DeJoy said. “Because we operate one of the largest civilian government fleets in the world, we are committed to pursuing near-term and long-term opportunities to reduce our impact on the environment.”

The Postal Service awarded the Oshkosh Defense contract in accordance with competitive USPS procurement policies after extensive testing of prototype vehicles, evaluation of offered production proposals, and discussions of technical specifications with the offerors.

The award is an indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity (IDIQ) contract, meaning that after an initial dollar commitment, the Postal Service will have the ongoing ability to order more NGDVs over a fixed period of time — in this case, 10 years.

Oshkosh Defense is evaluating which one of its several U.S. manufacturing locations is best suited to produce the NGDV.

Share your feedback at uspslink@usps.gov. Your comments could be included in the “Mailbag” column.



An NGDV side view



A rear right view of an NGDV



A front left view of an NGDV