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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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