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Dear Brian:

This letter is in further reference to the pilot test of the Maintenance Bidding System (MBS). The most recent notification was dated May 12, 2020 (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).

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

The pilot has been successful in the above listed locations. As such, the Postal Service has decided to begin national implementation, beginning with the Omaha P&DF in Omaha, Nebraska. It is anticipated that the MBS in the Omaha P&DF will be active by the end of May. Once MBS is activated in the site, the ABID system will no longer be utilized. Enclosed is a copy of the service talk that will be given at the site.

Notification will be provided regarding additional site implementation when the deployment schedule is determined.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Lee Zysk at (856) 628-1548.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shannon Richardson".

Shannon Richardson  
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Enclosures



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)

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**Name of facility** has been scheduled to transition to the new Maintenance Bidding System (MBS) that will replace the current maintenance bidding system, Automated Bidding Program (ABID).

The current scores from the Promotion Eligibility Register (PER) will be exported from ABID to MBS. However, as part of the transition to the MBS the duty assignment numbers associated with several positions will be different than what they were in ABID; therefore, the Preferred Assignment Register (PAR) is not able to be exported and will have to be manually entered.

In order to ensure employees' selections on the PAR accurately get entered into the MBS using the correct duty assignment number, it is being requested that all employees complete and submit a new Preferred Assignment Selection Form ("Dream Sheet"). Completion of the form will not count against the Article 38.5.A.6.e limit for submission of a new or amended preferred selection form.

Similarly, Promotion Rejection Sheets ("withdrawal form") are being revised with the duty assignment numbers and employees on PERs who do not wish to accept any/all promotions are asked to complete the withdrawal form. You may also submit withdrawal options associated with PARs.

Preferred Assignment Selection Forms and withdrawal forms are available from **insert location(s)** and will need to be submitted to **insert name/title** by **insert date**.