

or the Panel itself, or to pre-register for the meetings, should contact Ms. Laura Auletta, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), at: [laura.auletta@gsa.gov](mailto:laura.auletta@gsa.gov), phone/voice mail (202) 208-7279, or mail at: General Services Administration, 1800 F. Street, NW., Room 4006, Washington, DC 20405. Members of the public wishing to reserve speaking time must contact Ms. Rosanne Tarapacki, AAP Staff Analyst, in writing at: [rosanne.tarapacki@gsa.gov](mailto:rosanne.tarapacki@gsa.gov) or by FAX at 202-501-3341, or mail at the address given above for the DFO, no later than one week prior to the meeting at which they wish to speak.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

(a) *Background*: The purpose of the Panel is to provide independent advice and recommendations to the Office of Federal Procurement Policy and Congress pursuant to Section 1423 of the Services Acquisition Reform Act of 2003. The Panel's statutory charter is to review Federal contracting laws, regulations, and governmentwide policies, including the use of commercial practices, performance-based contracting, performance of acquisition functions across agency lines of responsibility, and governmentwide contracts. Interested parties are invited to attend the meetings. Opportunity for public comments will be provided at both meetings. Any change will be announced in the **Federal Register**.

*All Meetings*—While the Panel may hear from additional invited speakers, the focus of these meetings will be discussions of working group findings and recommendations. Selected working groups, established at the February 28, 2005 and May 17, 2005 public meetings of the AAP (see <http://www.acqnet.gov/aap> for a list of working groups), will discuss with the full Panel the draft findings and recommendations briefed at the October, November and December 2005 public meetings. It is anticipated that some voting may occur at one or both of these meetings. The Panel welcomes oral public comments at these meetings and has reserved one-half hour for this purpose at each meeting. Members of the public wishing to address the Panel during the meeting must contact Ms. Rosanne Tarapacki, in writing, as soon as possible to reserve time (see contact information above).

(b) *Posting of Draft Reports*: Members of the public are encouraged to regularly visit the Panel's Web site for draft reports. Currently, the working groups are staggering the posting of various sections of their draft reports at <http://www.acqnet.gov/aap> under the link for

“Working Group Reports.” New versions of the reports from the Small Business and Interagency Contracting Working Groups are available and the public is encouraged to submit written comments on any and all draft reports.

(c) *Adopted Recommendations*: The Panel has adopted recommendations presented by the Small Business and Interagency Contracting Working Groups. While additional recommendations from these two working groups are likely, the public is encouraged to review and comment on the recommendations adopted by the Panel to date by going to <http://www.acqnet.gov/aap>, selecting the link for “Meeting Materials” and opening the files that include the words “with votes” in their titles for the January 31st and February 23rd meetings.

(d) *Availability of Meeting Materials*: Please see the Panel's Web site for any available materials, including draft agendas and minutes (<http://www.acqnet.gov/aap>). Questions/issues of particular interest to the Panel are also available to the public on this Web site on its front page, including “Questions for Government Buying Agencies,” “Questions for Contractors that Sell Commercial Goods or Services to the Government,” “Questions for Commercial Organizations,” and an issue raised by one Panel member regarding the rules of interpretation and performance of contracts and liabilities of the parties entitled “Revised Commercial Practices Proposal for Public Comment.” The Panel encourages the public to address any of these questions/issues when presenting either oral public comments or written statements to the Panel.

(e) *Procedures for Providing Public Comments*: It is the policy of the Panel to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The Panel Staff expects that public statements presented at Panel meetings will be focused on the Panel's statutory charter and working group topics, and not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements, and that comments will be relevant to the issues under discussion.

*Oral Comments*: Speaking times will be confirmed by Panel staff on a “first-come/first-served” basis. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, oral public comments must be no longer than 10 minutes. Because Panel members may ask questions, reserved times will be approximate. Interested parties must contact Ms. Rosanne Tarapacki, in writing (via mail, e-mail, or fax identified above for Ms. Tarapacki) at least one week prior to the

meeting in order to be placed on the public speaker list for the meeting. Oral requests for speaking time will not be taken. Speakers are requested to bring extra copies of their comments and/or presentation slides for distribution to the Panel at the meeting. Speakers wishing to use a Power Point presentation must e-mail the presentation to Ms. Tarapacki one week in advance of the meeting.

*Written Comments*: Although written comments are accepted until the date of the meeting (unless otherwise stated), written comments should be received by the Panel Staff at least one week prior to the meeting date so that the comments may be made available to the Panel for their consideration prior to the meeting. Written comments should be supplied to the DFO at the address/contact information given in this FR Notice in one of the following formats (Adobe Acrobat, WordPerfect, Word, or Rich Text files, in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format). **Please note**: Because the Panel operates under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, all public presentations will be treated as public documents and will be made available for public inspection, up to and including being posted on the Panel's Web site.

(f) *Meeting Accommodations*: Individuals requiring special accommodation to access the public meetings listed above should contact Ms. Auletta at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

#### Laura Auletta,

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## POSTAL SERVICE

### Customized Postage

**AGENCY:** Postal Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of authorization of Expanded Market Test for Customized Postage.

**SUMMARY:** The Postal Service™ provides notice of its intention to expand testing of the concept of Customized Postage for a period of up to 2 years, commencing no sooner than March 20, 2006.

**DATES:** This notice is effective March 13, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Daniel J. Lord, manager of Postage

Technology Management, at 703-292-3692 or by fax at 703-292-4073.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On April 27, 2005, the Postal Service published its notice of intention to resume testing of the concept of Customized Postage for a period of 1 year in **Federal Register**, Volume 70, Number 80, Pages 21821-21822. As a result of that notice, three companies were authorized to conduct a 1 year market test of Customized Postage beginning in May 2005. This test, now referred to as Phase II, precluded the use of commercial images in Customized Postage.

As a result of a recent amendment to 18 U.S.C. § 475, the Postal Service is providing notice of its intention to conduct further market tests of the Customized Postage concept to include commercial images. These further market tests will be referred to as Phase III. Therefore, the Postal Service invites interested parties to submit proposed concepts for consideration.

While each concept will be evaluated on its own merits, particular conditions may be required and agreed to by the Postal Service and the provider regarding the testing of that concept. The following conditions will be applied in common to all concepts:

1. The provider must be an authorized PC Postage® provider, authorized postage meter manufacturer or distributor, or a company affiliated with an authorized postage provider under conditions respecting postage revenue security approved by the Postal Service in accordance with 39 CFR 501.1 and subject to all procedures and regulations set forth throughout 39 CFR part 501.

2. The Customized Postage indicia and other printed matter must meet all Postal Service requirements respecting placement on a mailpiece, readability, avoidance of interference with and facilitation of mail processing, and identification of fraudulent indicia, as well as all regulations pertaining to PC Postage products and services.

3. The provider will be responsible for ensuring that all images to appear in the ad plate area meet the requirements of 39 CFR 501.6(g) and 501.23(d); are not obscene, deceptive, or defamatory of any person, entity, or group; do not advocate unlawful action; do not emulate any form of valid postage, government, or other official indicia, or payment of postage; and do not harm the public image, reputation, or good will of the Postal Service. The provider will also have full responsibility for ensuring that a customer acknowledges, agrees, and warrants in writing that it bears full responsibility and liability for obtaining authorization to reproduce

and otherwise use an image as proposed, and that it, in fact, has the legal authority to reproduce and otherwise use the image as proposed. It is the Postal Service's declared intent not to allow its Customized Postage program to become a public forum for dissemination, debate, or discussion of public issues.

4. The test will be limited to full-rate single piece First-Class Mail® service, Priority Mail® service, and Express Mail® service.

5. The provider must agree that it has obtained all intellectual property licenses (from customers or elsewhere) necessary to provide the approved service and that it will indemnify the Postal Service for any costs and damages it may incur as a result of its failure to honor this representation.

6. The provider must acknowledge that it understands (and agrees) that the Postal Service has not invoked or exercised 28 U.S.C. 1498 with respect to any aspect of the Customized Postage product or services.

7. The provider must design its Customized Postage indicia in a manner that avoids the likelihood that the public will be misled into believing that the product image originated with the Postal Service.

8. The Postal Service may suspend or cancel without prior notice and without liability for any costs incurred or losses sustained by a provider or customer, the approval of any customer as a test participant, or the Customized Postage test itself, in the event there is sufficient cause to believe that the test presents unacceptable risk to Postal Service revenues, degradation of the ability of the Postal Service to process or deliver mail produced by test participants, an assessment that continuation of the test may expose the Postal Service or its customers to legal liability, or an assessment that continuation of the test will cause public or political embarrassment or harm to the Postal Service in any way.

9. The Postal Service will require approved providers of Customized Postage to pay an annual fee to participate in the test.

10. Additional conditions and requirements may be set forth in individual product test approval letters.

Persons interested in obtaining Postal Service authorization to participate in the Phase III Customized Postage market test should contact: Manager, Postage Technology Management, U.S. Postal Service, 1735 North Lynn Street, Room 5011, Arlington, VA 22209-6030; (703)

292-3592 (Telephone); (703) 292-4073 (Fax).

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## RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

### Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) has submitted the following proposal(s) for the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval.

*Summary of Proposal(s):*

(1) *Collection title:* Pension Plan Reports.

(2) *Form(s) submitted:* G-88p, G-88r and G-88r.1.

(3) *OMB Number:* 3220-0089.

(4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* 05/31/2006.

(5) *Type of request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

(6) *Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

(7) *Estimated annual number of respondents:* 500.

(8) *Total annual responses:* 765.

(9) *Total annual reporting hours:* 103.

(10) *Collection description:* The Railroad Retirement Act provides for payment of a supplemental annuity to a qualified railroad retirement annuitant. The collection obtains information from the annuitant's employer to determine (a) the existence of a railroad employer pension plans and whether such plans, if they exist, require a reduction to supplemental annuities paid to the employer's former employees and the (b) the amount of supplemental annuities due railroad employees.

**Additional Information or Comments:** Copies of the forms and supporting documents can be obtained from Charles Mierzwa, the agency clearance officer at (312-751-3363) or [Charles.Mierzwa@rrb.gov](mailto:Charles.Mierzwa@rrb.gov).

Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60611-2092 or [Ronald.Hodapp@rrb.gov](mailto:Ronald.Hodapp@rrb.gov) and to the OMB Desk Officer for the RRB, at the Office of Management and Budget,