Committee on Audit and Oversight (A&O)

Open Session: 2:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m., Room 1235

• Approval of Minutes, May 4, 2010 Meeting and August 20, 2010 Closed Teleconference.
• Committee Chairman’s Opening Remarks.
• Human Resources Update.
• Chief Financial Officer’s Update.
• Inspector General’s Update.
• Future NSF Update.
• Review of NSB Policy on Award Threshold Requiring NSB Approval.
• Committee Chairman’s Closing Remarks.

Closed Session 3:30 p.m.–4 p.m., Room 1235

• Committee Chair’s Opening Remarks.
• Procurement Activities.

Committee on Science and Engineering Indicators (SEI)

Open Session: 4 p.m.–6:15 p.m., Room 1235

• Approval of May Minutes.
• Chairman’s Remarks.
• Overview of the Process for Producing Science and Engineering Indicators 2012 and the Committee’s Role.
• Key Board Dates and Activities for Production of Science and Engineering Indicators 2012.
• Introduction of Chapter Authors and Discussion of Science and Engineering Indicators 2012 Narrative Chapter Outlines.
• Indicators Education Tool.
• Indicators-related Products.
• Chairman’s summary.

Thursday, August 26, 2010

Committee on Strategy and Budget (CSB)

Open Session: 7:30 a.m.–9:05 a.m., Room 1235

• Subcommittee on Facilities (SCF).
  ○ Approval of SCF Meeting Minutes, June 29, 2010.
  ○ SCF Chairman’s Remarks.
  ○ Discussion on the Outcome of June 29, 2010 Meeting with NSF Assistant Directors and Other NSF Staff.
  ○ Next Steps.
• Approval of the Minutes of the May 2010 Meeting.
• Approval of Minutes of the August 20, 2010 CSB Teleconference.
• Committee Chairman’s Remarks.
• NSF Strategic Plan.
• NSB Budget.

• Closing Remarks.

Closed Session: 9:05 a.m.–9:30 a.m., Room 1235

• NSF FY 2012 Budget.

Task Force on Merit Review (MR)

Open Session: 7:30 a.m.–8:45 a.m., Room 1295

• Approval of Minutes from May 5, 2010 Meeting.
• Approval of Minutes from July 28, 2010 Teleconference.
• Task Force Chairman’s Remarks.
• Discussion of Status of Data-Gathering Activities.
  ○ COV Report Text-Mining.
  ○ Design of Research Questions for External Input.
  ○ SBE/CISE Text-Mining Projects.
  ○ Using a Blog for Informal Input.

Committee on Education and Human Resources (EHR)

Open Session: 9:30 a.m.–10:45 a.m., Room 1235

• Approval of May 2010 Minutes.
• NSF Education Research Agenda.
  ○ Decadal Study Update.
  ○ Education and Human Resources (EHR) Research Vision.
• Other Committee Business.

Committee on Science and Engineering Indicators (SEI)

Open Session: 10:45 a.m.–11:30 a.m., Room 1235

• Key Board Dates and Activities for Production of Science and Engineering Indicators 2012.
• Introduction of Chapter Authors and Discussion of Science and Engineering Indicators 2012 Narrative Chapter Outlines.
• Indicators Education Tool.
• Indicators-related Products.
• Chairman’s summary.

Plenary Open

Open Session: 1:20 p.m.–3 p.m., Room 1235

• Director’s Award for Collaborative Integration.
• Demonstration of Science, Engineering, and Education (SEE) Innovation Web Site.
• Presentation on STAR METRICS.
• Approval of Open Session Minutes, May 2010.
• Chairman’s Report.
• Director’s Report.
• Open Committee Reports.

Daniel A. Lauretano, Counsel to the National Science Board.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION


Before Commissioners: Ruth Y. Goldway, Chairman; Tony L. Hammond, Vice Chairman; Mark Acton; Dan G. Blair; and Nanci E. Langley; Competitive Product Prices; Global Expedited Package Services 3 (MC2010–28); Negotiated Service Agreement; Notice and Order Concerning Filing of Four Additional Global Expedited Package Services 3 Negotiated Service Agreements

Issued August 11, 2010.

I. Introduction

On August 9, 2010, the Postal Service filed a notice announcing that it has entered into four additional Global Expedited Package Services 3 (GEPS 3) contracts. The Postal Service believes the instant contracts are functionally equivalent to previously submitted GEPS contracts, and are supported by Governors’ Decision No. 08–7, attached to the Notice and originally filed in Docket No. CP2008–4. Id. at 1–2, Attachment 3. The Notice also explains that Order No. 86, which established GEPS 1 as a product, also authorized functionally equivalent agreements to be included within the product, provided that they meet the requirements of 39 U.S.C. 3633. Id. at 2. In Order No. 290, the Commission approved the GEPS 2 product. In Order No. 503, the

1 Notice of United States Postal Service of Filing Four Functionally Equivalent Global Expedited Package Services 3 Negotiated Service Agreements and Application for Non-Public Treatment of Materials Filed Under Seal, August 9, 2010 (Notice).

2 Docket No. CP2009–50, Order Granting Clarification and Adding Global Expedited Package Services 2 to the Competitive Product List, August 28, 2009 (Order No. 290).
Commission approved the GEPS 3 product. Additionally, the Postal Service requested to have the contract in Docket No. CP2010–71 serve as the baseline contract for future functional equivalence analyses of the GEPS 3 product.

The instant contracts. The Postal Service filed the instant contracts pursuant to 39 CFR 3015.5. In addition, the Postal Service contends that each contract is in accordance with Order No. 86. The term of each contract is one year from the date the Postal Service notifies the customer that all necessary regulatory approvals have been received. Notice at 3.

In support of its Notice, the Postal Service filed four attachments as follows:
- Attachments 1A, 1B, 1C and 1D—redacted copies of the four contracts and applicable annexes;
- Attachments 2A, 2B, 2C and 2D—a certified statement required by 39 CFR 3015.5(c)(2) for each of the four contracts;
- Attachment 3—a redacted copy of Governors’ Decision No. 08–7 which establishes prices and classifications for GEPS contracts, a description of applicable GEPS contracts, formulas for prices, an analysis of the formulas, and certification of the Governors’ vote; and
- Attachment 4—an application for non–public treatment of materials to maintain redacted portions of the contracts and supporting documents under seal.

The Notice advances reasons why the instant GEPS 3 contracts fit within the Mail Classification Schedule language for GEPS. The Postal Service identifies customer-specific information and general contract terms that distinguish the instant contracts from the baseline GEPS 3 agreement all of which are highlighted in the Notice. Id. at 5. These modifications as described in the Postal Service’s Notice apply to each of the instant contracts.

The Postal Service contends that the instant contracts are functionally equivalent to the baseline contract for GEPS 3 and share the same cost and market characteristics as the previously filed GEPS contracts. Id. at 4. It states that the differences including updates and volume or postage commitments of customers, do not alter the contracts’ functional equivalency. Id. The Postal Service asserts that “[b]ecause the agreements incorporate the same cost attributes and methodology, the relevant characteristics of these four GEPS contracts are similar, if not the same, as the relevant characteristics of previously filed contracts.” Id. The Postal Service concludes that its filings demonstrate that each of the new GEPS 3 contracts complies with the requirements of 39 U.S.C. 3633 and is functionally equivalent to the baseline GEPS 3 contract. Therefore, it requests that the instant contracts be included within the GEPS 3 product. Id. at 6.

II. Notice of Filing

These dockets are addressed on a consolidated basis for purposes of this Order. Filings with respect to a particular contract should be filed in that docket.

Interested persons may submit comments on whether the Postal Service’s contracts are consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, or 3642. Comments are due no later than August 18, 2010. The public portions of these filings can be accessed via the Commission’s Web site (http://www.prc.gov).

The Commission appoints Paul L. Harrington to serve as Public Representative in the captioned proceedings.

III. Ordering Paragraphs
It is Ordered:
2. Comments by interested persons in these proceedings are due no later than August 18, 2010.
3. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Paul L. Harrington is appointed to serve as the officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in these proceedings.
4. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this Order in the Federal Register.

By the Commission.

Ruth Ann Abrams,
Acting Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
[Disaster Declaration #12272 and #12273]

Kansas Disaster # KS–00045

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a Notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Kansas (FEMA—1932–DR), dated 08/10/2010.

Incident: Severe Storms, Flooding, and Tornadoes.


DATES: Effective Date: 08/10/2010.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 10/12/2010.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
[Disaster Declaration #12268 and #12269]

Texas Disaster Number TX–00362

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Amendment 1.

SUMMARY: This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Texas (FEMA–1931–DR), dated 08/03/2010.

Incident: Hurricane Alex.

Incident Period: 06/30/2010 and continuing.

DATES: Effective Date: 08/13/2010.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 10/04/2010.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 05/03/2011.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of the President’s major disaster declaration for Private Non-Profit organizations in the State of Texas, dated 08/03/2010, is hereby amended to include the following areas as adversely affected by the disaster.

Primary Counties: Floyd, Foard, Garza, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Terry, Cottle.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

James E. Rivera,
Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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