DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA–W–81,815]

Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc., Commercial/Actuarial/Information Delivery Services (IDS)/Corporate & Financial Reporting Group, Hartford, CT; Notice of Negative Determination on Reconsideration


The Hartford-IDS Group is engaged in activities related to the supply of financial services. The Hartford-IDS Group develops databases for creating reports for corporate, regulatory, and financial services. The Hartford-IDS Group is separately identifiable from other groups within Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc.

Workers within the Hartford-IDS Group provide business and information technology applications for corporate, regulatory, and financial reporting.

Pursuant to 29 CFR 90.18(c), reconsideration may be granted under the following circumstances:

1. If it appears on the basis of facts not previously considered that the determination complained of was erroneous;
2. If it appears that the determination complained of was based on a mistake in the determination of facts not previously considered; or
3. If in the opinion of the Certifying Officer, a mis-interpretation of facts or of the law justified reconsideration of the decision.

The initial investigation resulted in a negative determination based on the findings that, with respect to Section 222(a) and Section 222(b) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (the Act), Criterion (1) has not been met because a significant number or proportion of the workers in such workers’ firm have not become totally or partially separated, nor are they threatened to become totally or partially separated.

The request for reconsideration states that “The Hartford Financial Services employs nearly 10,000 employees in Connecticut. The majority work full-time hours and are employed at the 690 Asylum Ave, Hartford, Connecticut site, the location of the petition in question * * * According to a former employee * * * his Unit was an independent unit isolated from others, but the information prepared by his unit, the database, was used by many units within The Hartford. His particular Unit encompassed roughly 75 employees. While only a few workers have been laid off to date in the specific unit, the database was used by * * * units that have been TAA-certified.”

Information obtained during the reconsideration investigation confirmed that with respect to Section 222(a) and Section 222(b) of the Act, Criterion (1) has not been met because a significant number or proportion of the workers in such workers’ firm have not become totally or partially separated, nor are they threatened to become totally or partially separated.

Significant number or proportion of the workers means that: (a) In most cases the total or partial separations, or both, in a firm or appropriate subdivision thereof, are the equivalent to a total unemployment of five percent (5 percent) of the workers or 50 workers, whichever is less; or (b) At least three workers in a firm (or appropriate subdivision thereof) with a work force of fewer than 50 workers would ordinarily have to be affected (29 CFR 90.2).

A careful review of previously-submitted information and information obtained during the reconsideration investigation revealed that the worker group consisting of Hartford-IDS Group did not meet this requirement.

The workers’ firm has not been publically identified by name by the International Trade Commission as a member of a domestic industry in an investigation resulting in an affirmative finding of serious injury, market disruption, or material injury, or threat thereof.

Therefore, after careful review of the request for reconsideration, the Department determines that 29 CFR 90.18(c) has not been met.

Conclusion

After careful review, I determine that the requirements of Section 222 of the Act, 19 U.S.C. 2272, have not been met and, therefore, deny the petition for group eligibility of Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc., Commercial/Actuarial/Information Delivery Services (IDS)/Corporate & Financial Reporting group, Hartford, Connecticut, to apply for adjustment assistance, in accordance with Section 223 of the Act, 19 U.S.C. 2273.

Signed in Washington, DC, on this 11th day of January 2013.

Del Min Amy Chen,
Certifying Officer, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Committee on Equal Opportunities in Science and Engineering #1173; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

Name: Committee on Equal Opportunities in Science and Engineering (CEOSE).

Dates/Time: February 25, 2013, 9:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.; February 26, 2013, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Place: National Science Foundation (NSF), 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

To help facilitate your entry into the building, contact the individual listed below. Your request to attend this meeting must be received by email (vyang@nsf.gov) on or prior to Friday, February 21st, 2013.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Dr. Bernice Anderson, Senior Advisor and CEOSE Designated Federal Officer, Office of International and Integrative Activities, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Telephone Numbers: (703) 292–5151, 703–292–8000—banderso@nsf.gov.

Minutes: Meeting minutes and other information may be obtained from the Senior Advisor and CEOSE Designated Federal Officer at the above address or the Web site at http://www.nsf.gov/od/oia/activities/ceose/index.jsp.

Purpose of Meeting: To study data, programs, policies, and other information pertinent to the National Science Foundation and to provide advice and recommendations concerning broadening participation in science and engineering.

Agenda: Opening Statement by the CEOSE Chair

Discussions:

• Concurrence on the CEOSE Minutes of the June 19–20, 2012 Meeting
• Discussion of Key Points from the Meeting among the National Science Foundation Director and CEOSE officers
• A Conversation with Dr. Cora B. Marrett, Deputy Director of the National Science Foundation
• NSF Diversity and Inclusion Strategic Plan
• Reports of CEOSE Liaisons to NSF Advisory Committees
• Broadening Participation Efforts of NSF Centers and Major Research Instrumentation Program
• Update on Interagency Broadening Participation Activities by Federal Liaisons
• Discussion about the 2011–2012 Biennial CEOSE Report To Congress
• Discussion on CEOSE Unfinished Business and New Business


Susanne Bolton,
Committee Management Officer.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. MC2013–36 and CP2013–47; Order No. 1644]

New Postal Product

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing concerning the addition of Priority Mail Contract 53 to the competitive product list. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: Comments are due: February 7, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission’s Filing Online system at http://www.prc.gov. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.


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I. Introduction

In accordance with 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 39 CFR 3020.30 et seq., the Postal Service filed a formal request and associated supporting information to add Priority Mail Contract 53 to the competitive product list. It asserts that Priority Mail Contract 53 is a competitive product “not of general applicability” within the meaning of 39 U.S.C. 3632(b)(3). Request at 1. The Request has been assigned Docket No. MC2013–36.

The Postal Service contemporaneously filed a redacted contract related to the proposed new product under 39 U.S.C. 3632(b)(3) and 39 CFR 3015.5. Id. Attachment B. The instant contract has been assigned Docket No. CP2013–47.

Request. To support its Request, the Postal Service filed six attachments as follows:

• Attachment A—a redacted copy of Governors’ Decision No. 11–6, authorizing the new product;
• Attachment B—a redacted copy of the contract;
• Attachment C—proposed changes to the Mail Classification Schedule competitive product list with the addition underlined;
• Attachment D—a Statement of Supporting Justification as required by 39 CFR 3020.32;
• Attachment E—a certification of compliance with 39 U.S.C. 3633(a); and
• Attachment F—an application for non-public treatment of materials to maintain redacted portions of the contract and related financial information under seal.

In the Statement of Supporting Justification, Dennis R. Nicoski, Manager, Field Sales Strategy and Contracts, asserts that the contract will cover its attributable costs, make a positive contribution to covering institutional costs, and increase contribution toward the requisite 5.5 percent of the Postal Service’s total institutional costs. Id. Attachment D at 1. Mr. Nicoski contends that there will be no issue of market dominant products subsidizing competitive products as a result of this contract. Id.

Related contract. The Postal Service included a redacted version of the related contract with the Request. Id. Attachment B. The contract is scheduled to become effective one business day after the Commission issues all necessary regulatory approval. Id. at 2. The contract will expire 3 years from the effective date unless, among other things, either party terminates the agreement upon 30 days’ written notice to the other party. Id. at 2–3. The Postal Service represents that the contract is consistent with 39 U.S.C. 3633(a). Id. Attachment E.

The Postal Service filed much of the supporting materials, including the related contract, under seal. Id. Attachment F. It maintains that the redacted portions of the Governors’ Decision, contract, customer-identifying information, and related financial information, should remain confidential. Id. at 3. This information includes the price structure, underlying costs and assumptions, pricing formulas, information relevant to the customer’s mailing profile, and cost coverage projections. Id. The Postal Service asks the Commission to protect customer-identifying information from public disclosure indefinitely. Id. at 7.

II. Notice of Filings

The Commission establishes Docket Nos. MC2013–36 and CP2013–47 to consider the Request pertaining to the proposed Priority Mail Contract 53