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Mr. Serrano (for himself, Mr. Terry, Mr. Maffel, Mr. Gonzalez, Mr. Carnahan, and Mr. Israel) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Science and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To further the national deployment of electric drive vehicles, to strengthen and enhance the national power grid through the integration of such vehicles, and for other purposes.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "American Electric Ve-
- 5 hicle Manufacturing Act".

1 SEC. 2. ELECTRIC VEHICLE PROGRAM ESTABLISHMENT

2	AND GOALS.
3	(a) Establishment.—Subject to amounts made
4	available in advance in appropriations Acts, the Secretary
5	of Energy, in consultation with the United States Postal
6	Service, shall establish a program, to be carried out in 2
7	phases, to award funds for the manufacture, testing, and
8	delivery of at least 20,000 electric drive United States
9	Postal Service Long Life Vehicles or other road vehicles
10	for local postal delivery, to further the deployment of elec-
11	tric drive vehicles and the development of grid services
12	using electric drive vehicles, including Vehicle-to-Grid.
13	(b) Goals of the Program.—The goals of the pro-
14	gram established pursuant to subsection (a) are—
15	(1) to stimulate private industry development of
16	highly efficient electric drive vehicles, advanced elec-
17	tric drive powertrains, Electric Vehicle Battery
18	Packs, and charging infrastructure by providing
19	large-scale customer demand to purchase, test, and
20	deploy electric drive vehicles and advanced electric
21	drive powertrain conversion kits nationwide;
22	(2) to provide Smart Grid integration by estab-
23	lishing a large-scale test bed in multiple regions of
24	the United States for utilities, fleet owners, Inde-
25	pendent System Operators, and aggregators to de-

velop charging infrastructure, protocols, and stand-

- ards for Vehicle-to-Grid deployment and other grid
 services using electric drive vehicles;
- 3 (3) to independently assess the performance 4 and economic and environmental costs and benefits 5 of electric drive vehicles and advanced electric drive 6 powertrains and to make the results of such assess-7 ment publicly available through an information 8 clearinghouse to the extent consistent with the pro-9 tection of proprietary information;
 - (4) to support development of renewable energy systems by aggregating and facilitating the use of vehicle battery storage capabilities to accommodate the intermittency of emerging renewable energy systems, particularly wind systems; and
 - (5) to support the eventual transition of the United States Postal Service fleet to electric drive vehicles for postal delivery.

18 SEC. 3. REQUIREMENTS FOR PHASE I OF THE ELECTRIC

- 19 **VEHICLE PROGRAM.**
- 20 (a) Phase I Areas of Interest.—The Secretary,
- 21 after consultation with the United States Postal Service,
- 22 shall, at a minimum, award funds to carry out the fol-
- 23 lowing areas of interest under the program established
- 24 pursuant to section 2(a):
- 25 (1) All-electric trucks.—

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1	(A) In General.—The production and de-
2	livery of 2,000 all-electric trucks that meet the
3	requirements of subparagraph (B).
4	(B) Requirements.—An all-electric truck
5	under subparagraph (A) shall—
6	(i) be capable of interchangeably
7	using Electric Vehicle Battery Packs sized
8	at 20 kilowatt-hours, 30 kilowatt-hours, or
9	40 kilowatt-hours of useful kilowatt-hour
10	capacity or have a driving range of greater
11	than 75 miles on a single charge;
12	(ii) use a maximum of 676 watt-hours
13	per mile on a 50 percent-derated US06
14	urban driving cycle, including the benefits
15	of regenerative braking when operated in a
16	moderate climate;
17	(iii) have a durable design for a min-
18	imum of a 10-year service life;
19	(iv) have a minimum internal cargo
20	capacity of 175 cubic feet or 1,750 pounds;
21	(v) have met all applicable require-
22	ments of chapter III and chapter V of sub-
23	title B of title 49, Code of Federal Regula-
24	tions before being delivered;

1	(vi) be capable of attaining a min-
2	imum highway speed of 70 miles per hour
3	on a level grade and 40 miles per hour
4	going up a 10 percent grade;
5	(vii) have 4-wheels with forward and
6	reverse drive capabilities;
7	(viii) have a curb weight of less than
8	5,000 pounds;
9	(ix) have a turning radius of less than
10	50 feet;
11	(x) be capable of accelerating from 0
12	to 60 miles per hour in less than 15 sec-
13	onds and braking from 30 to 0 miles per
14	hour in less than 55 feet;
15	(xi) be capable of continuously and
16	safely ascending and descending 20 per-
17	cent slopes at 20 miles per hour for up to
18	one minute;
19	(xii) be Vehicle-to-Grid Compatible;
20	and
21	(xiii) be compatible with and use
22	charging stations produced and installed
23	pursuant to paragraph (6).
24	(C) Deliveries.—Deliveries of all-electric
25	trucks under subparagraph (A) to the United

- States Postal Service shall begin by month 13 and conclude not later than the end of month 15 after the program start date.
 - (D) ELECTRIC VEHICLE BATTERY PACKS.—Each recipient of an award of funds under this paragraph shall also deliver an additional number of Electric Vehicle Battery Packs equal to 20 percent of the number of all-electric trucks delivered by such recipient. The timing, delivery point, and composition of Electric Vehicle Battery Pack nameplate capacity shall be determined by the coordinating entity.
 - (E) Target number of awards.—To encourage competition, to the extent practicable, the Secretary shall make 1 or 2 awards of funds to produce a total of 2,000 all-electric trucks under this paragraph. If the Secretary determines no applicant for an award of funds under this paragraph is qualified and responsive, then funds appropriated for the area of interest under this paragraph shall be used instead to increase the number of vehicles produced pursuant to paragraph (2).

1	(2) New electric united states postal
2	SERVICE LONG LIFE VEHICLES AND NEW DERIVA-
3	TIVE ELECTRIC VEHICLES.—
4	(A) In general.—The design, qualifica-
5	tion, production, and delivery of—
6	(i) 4,000 new electric United States
7	Postal Service Long Life Vehicles that
8	meet the requirements of subparagraph
9	(B); and
10	(ii) 200 new Derivative Electric Vehi-
11	cles that meet the requirements of sub-
12	paragraph (C).
13	(B) New electric united states post-
14	AL SERVICE LONG LIFE VEHICLE REQUIRE-
15	MENTS.—A new electric United States Postal
16	Service Long Life Vehicle under subparagraph
17	(A) shall be a new highly efficient all-electric
18	vehicle, intended to replace an existing United
19	States Postal Service Long Life Vehicle, and
20	shall—
21	(i) be capable of interchangeably
22	using Electric Vehicle Battery Packs sized
23	at 20 kilowatt-hours, 30 kilowatt-hours, or
24	40 kilowatt-hours of useful kilowatt-hour
25	capacity;

1	(ii) use a maximum of 338 watt-hours
2	per mile on a 50 percent-derated US06
3	urban driving cycle, including the benefits
4	of regenerative braking when operated in a
5	moderate climate;
6	(iii) have an all-aluminum body simi-
7	lar to the body of an existing United
8	States Postal Service Long Life Vehicle
9	with a durable design for an expected 20-
10	year service life;
11	(iv) have a minimum internal cargo
12	capacity of 175 cubic feet or 1,750 pounds;
13	(v) have right-hand drive;
14	(vi) have met all applicable require-
15	ments of chapter III and chapter V of sub-
16	title B of title 49, Code of Federal Regula-
17	tions before being delivered;
18	(vii) be capable of attaining a min-
19	imum highway speed of 70 miles per hour
20	on a level grade and 40 miles per hour
21	going up a 10 percent grade;
22	(viii) have 4-wheels with forward and
23	reverse drive capabilities;
24	(ix) have a curb weight of less than
25	5,000 pounds;

1	(x) have a turning radius of less than
2	50 feet;
3	(xi) be capable of accelerating from 0
4	to 60 miles per hour in less than 15 sec-
5	onds and braking from 30 to 0 miles per
6	hour in less than 55 feet;
7	(xii) be capable of continuously and
8	safely ascending and descending 20 per-
9	cent slopes at 20 miles per hour for up to
10	one minute;
11	(xiii) be Vehicle-to-Grid Compatible;
12	and
13	(xiv) be compatible with and use
14	charging stations produced and installed
15	pursuant to paragraph (6).
16	(C) New derivative electric vehicle
17	REQUIREMENTS.—A new Derivative Electric
18	Vehicle under subparagraph (A)(ii) shall be a
19	new highly efficient all-electric vehicle that uses
20	the chassis and powertrain design of a new elec-
21	tric United States Postal Service Long Life Ve-
22	hicle that meets the requirements under sub-
23	paragraph (B) and shall—
24	(i) be capable of interchangeably
25	using Electric Vehicle Battery Packs sized

1	at 20 kilowatt-hours, 30 kilowatt-hours, or
2	40 kilowatt-hours of useful kilowatt-hour
3	capacity;
4	(ii) use a maximum of 563 watt-hours
5	per mile on a 50 percent-derated US06
6	urban driving cycle, including the benefits
7	of regenerative braking when operated in a
8	moderate climate;
9	(iii) have the upper body of the manu-
10	facturer's choosing (such as a taxi or pick-
11	up truck body) to enable the vehicle to be
12	used for a variety of purposes, including
13	mail delivery, and with a durable design to
14	last a minimum of 10 years or 150,000
15	miles;
16	(iv) have met all applicable require-
17	ments of chapter III and chapter V of sub-
18	title B of title 49, Code of Federal Regula-
19	tions before being delivered;
20	(v) be capable of attaining a minimum
21	highway speed of 70 miles per hour on a
22	level grade and 40 miles per hour going up
23	a 10 percent grade;
24	(vi) have 4-wheels with forward and
25	reverse drive capabilities;

1	(vii) have a curb weight of less than
2	5,000 pounds;
3	(viii) have a turning radius of less
4	than 50 feet;
5	(ix) be capable of accelerating from 0
6	to 60 miles per hour in less than 15 sec-
7	onds and braking from 30 to 0 miles per
8	hour in less than 55 feet;
9	(x) be capable of continuously and
10	safely ascending and descending 20 per-
11	cent slopes at 20 miles per hour for up to
12	one minute;
13	(xi) be Vehicle-to-Grid Compatible;
14	and
15	(xii) be compatible with and use
16	charging stations produced and installed
17	pursuant to paragraph (6).
18	(D) Deliveries.—Delivery of vehicles
19	under subparagraph (A) to the United States
20	Postal Service shall begin by month 25 and
21	conclude not later than the end of month 30
22	after the program start date.
23	(E) ELECTRIC VEHICLE BATTERY
24	PACKS.—Each recipient of an award of funds
25	under this paragraph shall also deliver an addi-

1	tional number of Electric Vehicle Battery Packs
2	equal to 20 percent of the number of vehicles
3	delivered by such recipient. The timing, delivery
4	point, and composition of Electric Vehicle Bat-
5	tery Pack nameplate capacity shall be deter-
6	mined by the coordinating entity.
7	(F) TARGET NUMBER OF AWARDS.—To
8	encourage competition, to the extent prac-
9	ticable, the Secretary shall make 2 awards of
10	funds under this paragraph.
11	(3) Electric drive powertrains.—
12	(A) In general.—The design, qualifica-
13	tion, production, and delivery of advanced elec-
14	tric drive powertrains for converting existing
15	United States Postal Service Long Life Vehicles
16	in the following quantities—
17	(i) 1,000 plug-in hybrid electric vehi-
18	cle powertrains that meet the requirements
19	of subparagraph (B); and
20	(ii) 2,000 all-electric powertrains that
21	meet the requirements of subparagraph
22	(C).
23	(B) Plug-in hybrid electric vehicle
24	POWERTRAIN REQUIREMENTS.—A plug-in hy-
25	brid electric vehicle powertrain under subpara-

1	graph (A) shall be a vehicle powertrain that
2	combines an internal combustion engine, a bat-
3	tery, and an electric motor and that, when
4	joined with the upper body of a existing United
5	States Postal Service Long Life Vehicle shall—
6	(i) have a minimum range of 20 all-
7	electric miles on an Environmental Protec-
8	tion Agency urban driving cycle;
9	(ii) have a minimum gasoline fuel
10	economy of 45 miles per gallon on com-
11	bined urban and highway driving cycles, as
12	determined by the Administrator of the
13	Environmental Protection Agency;
14	(iii) have a minimum fuel tank capac-
15	ity of 7.5 gallons;
16	(iv) have an advanced-chemistry bat-
17	tery pack design with an anticipated life-
18	time use without replacement of a min-
19	imum of 10 years and 150,000 miles under
20	normal driving conditions;
21	(v) have passed applicable defrosting,
22	cabin warming, seatbelt, and lighting tests
23	from the Federal motor vehicle safety
24	standards before being delivered;

1	(vi) have a durable design for a min-
2	imum 10-year service life;
3	(vii) have a minimum internal cargo
4	capacity of 125 cubic feet or 1,250 pounds
5	(viii) have idle stop, regenerative
6	braking, and engine-off (electric vehicle-
7	only mode) as integrated features;
8	(ix) be capable of attaining a min-
9	imum highway speed of 70 miles per hour
10	on a level grade and 40 miles per hour
11	going up a 10 percent grade;
12	(x) have 4-wheels with forward and
13	reverse drive capabilities;
14	(xi) have a curb weight of less than
15	5,000 pounds;
16	(xii) have a turning radius of less
17	than 50 feet;
18	(xiii) be capable of accelerating from
19	0 to 60 miles per hour in less than 15 sec-
20	onds and braking from 30 to 0 miles per
21	hour in less than 55 feet;
22	(xiv) be capable of continuously and
23	safely ascending and descending 20 per-
24	cent slopes at 20 miles per hour for up to
25	one minute;

1	(xv) be Vehicle-to-Grid Compatible;
2	and
3	(xvi) be compatible with and use
4	charging stations produced and installed
5	pursuant to paragraph (6).
6	(C) All-electric powertrain require-
7	MENTS.—An all-electric powertrain under sub-
8	paragraph (A) shall be an all-electric vehicle
9	powertrain that, when joined with the upper
10	body of a existing United States Postal Service
11	Long Life Vehicle shall—
12	(i) be capable of interchangeably
13	using Electric Vehicle Battery Packs sized
14	at 20 kilowatt-hours, 30 kilowatt-hours, or
15	40 kilowatt-hours of useful kilowatt-hour
16	capacity;
17	(ii) use a maximum of 563 watt-hours
18	per mile on a 50 percent-derated US06
19	urban driving cycle, including the benefits
20	of regenerative braking when operated in a
21	moderate climate;
22	(iii) have passed applicable defrosting,
23	cabin warming, seatbelt, and lighting tests
24	from the Federal motor vehicle safety
25	standards before being delivered:

1	(iv) have a durable design for a min-
2	imum of a 10-year service life;
3	(v) have a minimum internal cargo ca-
4	pacity of 125 cubic feet or 1,250 pounds;
5	(vi) be capable of attaining a min-
6	imum highway speed of 70 miles per hour
7	on a level grade and 40 miles per hour
8	going up a 10 percent grade;
9	(vii) have 4-wheels with forward and
10	reverse drive capabilities;
11	(viii) have a curb weight of less than
12	5,000 pounds;
13	(ix) have a turning radius of less than
14	50 feet;
15	(x) be capable of accelerating from 0
16	to 60 miles per hour in less than 15 sec-
17	onds and braking from 30 to 0 miles per
18	hour in less than 55 feet;
19	(xi) be capable of continuously and
20	safely ascending and descending 20 per-
21	cent slopes at 20 miles per hour for up to
22	one minute;
23	(xii) be Vehicle-to-Grid Compatible
24	and

- 1 (xiii) be compatible with and use 2 charging stations produced and installed 3 pursuant to paragraph (6).
 - (D) Delivers.—Delivery of all-electric powertrains and plug-in hybrid electric vehicle powertrains under subparagraph (A) to recipients of funds for the area of interest under paragraph (4) shall begin by month 19 and conclude not later than the end of month 23 after the program start date.
 - (E) ELECTRIC VEHICLE BATTERY PACKS.—Each recipient of an award of funds for the design, qualification, production, and delivery of all-electric powertrains under this paragraph shall also deliver an additional number of Electric Vehicle Battery Packs equal to 20 percent of the number of powertrains under subparagraph (A) delivered by such recipient. The timing, delivery point, and composition of Electric Vehicle Battery Pack nameplate capacity shall be determined by the coordinating entity.
 - (F) Target number of awards.—To encourage competition, to the extent practicable, the Secretary shall make 4 awards of

funds under this paragraph for all-electric powertrains and 2 awards of funds for plug-in hybrid electric vehicle powertrains. If the Sec-retary determines no applicant for an award of funds under this paragraph is qualified and re-sponsive, then funds for the area of interest under this paragraph shall be used instead to increase the number of vehicles produced pursu-ant to paragraph (2).

(4) Conversion of existing united states postal service long life vehicles.—

- (A) IN GENERAL.—The preparation and conversion of 3,000 existing United States Postal Service Long Life Vehicles to electric drive using all-electric powertrains and plug-in hybrid electric vehicle powertrains delivered pursuant to paragraph (3).
- (B) Deliveries.—Delivery of United States Postal Service Long Life Vehicles converted pursuant to subparagraph (A) to the United States Postal Service shall begin by month 20 and conclude not later than the end of month 24 after the program start date.
- (C) Target number of awards.—To encourage competition, to the extent prac-

1	ticable, the Secretary shall make 2 awards of
2	funds under this paragraph.
3	(5) Plug-in hybrid electric vehicles.—
4	(A) IN GENERAL.—The production and de-
5	livery of 1,000 plug-in hybrid electric vehicles
6	that meet the requirements of subparagraph
7	(B).
8	(B) Requirements.—A plug-in hybrid
9	electric vehicle under subparagraph (A) shall—
10	(i) have a minimum range of 20 all-
11	electric miles on an Environmental Protec-
12	tion Agency urban driving cycle;
13	(ii) have a minimum gasoline fuel
14	economy of 30 miles per gallon on com-
15	bined urban and highway drive cycles, as
16	determined by the Administrator of the
17	Environmental Protection Agency;
18	(iii) have an advanced-chemistry bat-
19	tery pack design with an anticipated life-
20	time use without replacement of a min-
21	imum of 10 years and 150,000 miles under
22	normal driving conditions;
23	(iv) have a durable design for a min-
24	imum 10-year service life;

1	(v) have a minimum internal cargo ca-
2	pacity of 50 cubic feet or 500 pounds;
3	(vi) have idle stop, regenerative brak-
4	ing, and engine-off (electric vehicle-only
5	mode) as integrated features;
6	(vii) have met all applicable require-
7	ments of chapter III and chapter V of sub-
8	title B of title 49, Code of Federal Regula-
9	tions before being delivered;
10	(viii) be capable of attaining minimum
11	highway speed of 70 miles per hour on a
12	level grade and 40 miles per hour going up
13	a 10 percent grade;
14	(ix) have 4-wheels with forward and
15	reverse drive capabilities;
16	(x) have a curb weight of less than
17	5,000 pounds;
18	(xi) have a turning radius of less than
19	50 feet;
20	(xii) be capable of accelerating from 0
21	to 60 miles per hour in less than 15 sec-
22	onds and braking from 30 to 0 miles per
23	hour in less than 55 feet;
24	(xiii) be capable of continuously and
25	safely ascending and descending 20 per-

1	cent slopes at 20 miles per hour for up to
2	one minute;
3	(xiv) be Vehicle-to-Grid Compatible;
4	and
5	(xv) be compatible with and use
6	charging stations produced and installed
7	pursuant to paragraph (6).
8	(C) Deliveries.—Deliveries of plug-in hy-
9	brid electric vehicles under subparagraph (A) to
10	the United States Postal Service shall begin by
11	month 13 and conclude not later than the end
12	of month 15 after the program start date.
13	(D) TARGET NUMBER OF AWARDS.—To
14	encourage competition, to the extent prac-
15	ticable, the Secretary shall make 1 or 2 awards
16	of funds under this paragraph to produce a
17	total of 1,000 plug-in hybrid electric vehicles. If
18	the Secretary determines no applicant for an
19	award of funds under this paragraph is quali-
20	fied and responsive, then funds for the area of
21	interest under this paragraph shall be used in-
22	stead to increase the number of vehicles pro-
23	duced pursuant to paragraph (2).
24	(6) Charging stations.—

1	(A) In General.—The design, production,
2	and installation of 12,000 charging stations
3	that meet the requirements of subparagraph
4	(B) at United States Postal Service facilities,
5	including areas accessible by the general public.
6	(B) REQUIREMENTS.—A charging station
7	under subparagraph (A) shall—
8	(i) use a connector that meets the So-
9	ciety of Automotive Engineers Inter-
10	national J1772 standard (or its successor)
11	and be capable of Level II charging;
12	(ii) be capable of supplying 208/240
13	volts and 80 amperes continuous;
14	(iii) have a unique identification code;
15	(iv) be capable of transmitting such
16	unique identification code to the vehicle
17	plugged in to it; and
18	(v) be capable of being connected to
19	the Internet through a communications fa-
20	cility such as powerline carrier, cellular
21	network, or wireless internet protocol.
22	(C) Installation.—Installation of 3,600
23	charging stations shall be completed by the end
24	of month 12 after the program start date, with
25	the balance of the charging stations to be in-

1	stalled by the end of month 18 after the pro-
2	gram start date.
3	(D) TARGET NUMBER OF AWARDS.—To
4	encourage competition, to the extent prac-
5	ticable, the Secretary shall make 2 to 4 awards
6	of funds to produce and install a total of
7	12,000 charging stations under this paragraph
8	(7) Smart grid technology.—
9	(A) In General.—The deployment of
10	Smart Grid technologies, principally Vehicle-to-
11	Grid, for vehicles delivered pursuant to para-
12	graphs (1), (2), (4), and (5) to connect to the
13	power grid for charging and discharging and
14	the provision of grid services.
15	(B) AWARD RECIPIENTS.—
16	(i) AWARD TEAMS.—Each recipient of
17	an award of funds under this paragraph
18	shall include a utility, Independent System
19	Operator, and a separate entity acting as
20	aggregator of electric vehicle charging de-
21	mand.
22	(ii) Geographic diversity.—In
23	awarding funds under this paragraph, the
24	Secretary shall, to the extent practicable
25	select award teams described in clause (i)

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1	that represent a broad range of geographic
2	areas in the United States and shall ensure
3	that a minimum of 1,000 vehicles from the
4	test fleet and 1,200 charging stations are
5	deployed to the geographic service area
6	represented by each such award team.
7	(iii) Multiple award team mem-
8	BERSHIP.—No Independent System Oper-
9	ator may belong to more than 2 award
10	teams described in clause (i).
11	(iv) Target number of awards.—
12	To encourage competition, to the extent
13	practicable, the Secretary shall make 7
14	awards of funds under this paragraph.
15	(8) Lithium ion battery repurposing.—
16	(A) In general.—Activities to increase
17	lithium ion battery repurposing and lithium ion
18	battery recycling infrastructure, including—
19	(i) analyses of business models and
20	demonstration of uses of lithium ion bat-
21	teries after the removal of such batteries
22	from electric drive vehicles; and
23	(ii) building or increasing production
24	capacity of a lithium ion battery recycling
25	plant in the United States that has dem-

1	onstrated the ability to recycle a minimum
2	of 2,000 lithium ion battery packs per
3	month (or equivalent throughput).
4	(B) TARGET NUMBER OF AWARDS.—To
5	encourage competition, to the extent prac-
6	ticable, the Secretary shall make 2 awards of
7	funds under this paragraph.
8	(9) STANDARDS AND SAFETY POLICIES.—
9	(A) IN GENERAL.—The development of
10	standards and safety policies for, at a min-
11	imum, the following categories relating to de-
12	ployment of the test fleet:
13	(i) Standards for electricity tariffs for
14	Vehicle-to-Grid or time-of-day charging, or
15	both.
16	(ii) Standards for communication pro-
17	tocols involving electric drive batteries and
18	Vehicle-to-Grid or other grid services.
19	(iii) Standards for battery safety and
20	battery recycling.
21	(iv) Standards for charging station in-
22	frastructure.
23	(v) Standards for integration of the
24	test fleet with intermittent renewable en-
25	ergy sources (especially wind).

- 1 (B) Target number of awards.—To
 2 encourage competition, to the extent prac3 ticable, the Secretary shall make a minimum of
 4 1 award of funds for each award category de5 scribed under subparagraph (A).
- 6 (b) Intent of Congress.—It is the intent of Con7 gress to encourage the greatest amount of competition and
 8 the widest range of applicants (including large and small
 9 and geographically diverse companies) to receive awards
 10 of funds for the areas of interest under subsection (a).

11 (c) AWARDS.—

- (1) Competitive solicitation.—The Secretary shall issue a competitive solicitation for awards of Federal funds for the areas of interest under subsection (a).
 - (2) Federal share.—The Secretary shall determine the amount of funds each recipient of an award of funds under this Act shall provide, from non-Federal sources, to carry out the activities supported by the award of funds. Recipients of awards of funds under paragraphs (1), (2), (3), and (5) of subsection (a) may receive awards of funds of up to 80 percent of the total costs to carry out development and qualification activities for a project under each such respective paragraph.

1	(d) Assessment, Coordination, and Data Anal-						
2	YSES REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary shall, for assess-						
3	ment, coordination, and data analyses, make one awar						
4	of funds for each of the following areas of interest under						
5	the program established pursuant to section 2(a):						
6	(1) CHARGE AND USE DATA COLLECTION.—Col-						
7	lection and assessment of charge and use data for						
8	the test fleet to capture actual daily vehicle use data						
9	and conditions in the field for determining the eco						
10	nomic cost per vehicle mile of operation.						
11	(2) Charging and Vehicle-To-Grid Data						
12	COLLECTION.—Collection and assessment of charge						
13	ing data and grid services provided, including Vehi-						
14	cle-to-Grid, for all vehicles in the test fleet, includ-						
15	ing—						
16	(A) analysis of the total energy added to						
17	each Electric Vehicle Battery Pack in the test						
18	fleet per day;						
19	(B) quantification of battery use for Vehi-						
20	cle-to-Grid activity per vehicle per day;						
21	(C) analyses of the value of Vehicle-to-Grid						
22	and other grid services provided per vehicle per						
23	day; and						
24	(D) evaluation of charging station per-						
25	formance and usage.						

- 1 (3)ASSESSMENT OF MISSION REQUIRE-2 MENTS.—Assessment of how well the test fleet vehicles meet stated United States Postal Service vehicle 3 objectives, including mission requirements, availability, cost of ownership, energy use per mile, and 5 6 maintenance summaries. Such assessment shall in-7 clude semiannual vehicle and powertrain evaluations 8 for each type of vehicle in the test fleet.
 - (4) Economic and environmental impacts.—Analysis of the economic and environmental impacts of all aspects of the test fleet (as compared to existing United States Postal Service Long Life Vehicles), including—
 - (A) projected operating costs per mile for each of the powertrains and vehicles produced under Phase I;
 - (B) projected revenues from Vehicle-to-Grid or other grid services per vehicle per day; and
 - (C) articulation of environmental impacts of continued deployment of electric drive vehicles for the United States Postal Service.
 - (5) EDUCATION AND OUTREACH.—Education and outreach to inform the general public, industry, and State and local governments about the objec-

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- tives and results of the program established pursuant to section 2(a).
 - (6) COORDINATION, OVERALL ASSESSMENT, AND SUMMARY REPORT ON PHASE I.—
 - COORDINATING ENTITY.—The Secretary, after consultation with the United States Postal Service and the Postal Regulatory Commission, shall make an award of funds to an independent, non-governmental entity, to provide coordination of Phase I, including coordination and timing of the delivery of vehipowertrains, Electric Vehicle Battery Packs, and charging stations from award recipients under subsection (a). Coordination shall include recommendations of specific allocations of vehicles and charging stations by location consistent with the goals of the program established pursuant to section 2(a) and subject to the approval of the Secretary. The entity selected to receive an award of funds under this paragraph shall have demonstrated expertise in electric vehicles and postal needs and regulation.

24 (B) Reports.—

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(i) Phase I report.—The entity selected to receive an award of funds under this paragraph shall prepare a report that evaluates the product and performance of each award recipient under subsection (a). Such report shall be based on the data and described in paragraphs analyses (1)through (4), the results of the testing conducted pursuant to subsection (e), the least cost of ownership, United States Postal Service mission requirements, and any other relevant factors. The report shall contain recommendations for the Secretary to consider in awarding funds under Phase II, including a ranking of Phase I award recipients for production of additional vehicles and charging stations under Phase II. In extraordinary circumstances, such as unexpected technological developments or breakthroughs, the report may include a recommendation of a company or companies that were not Phase I award recipients for the award of funds for the production of vehicles or charging stations for Phase II. The report required under this

clause shall be submitted to the Secretary not later than 90 days after the submission of data and analyses described in paragraphs (1) through (4) and the results of the testing conducted pursuant to subsection (e).

- (ii) Phase II annual reports.—The entity selected to receive an award of funds under this paragraph shall review the performance of Phase II award recipients and the quality of Phase II vehicles and submit an annual report to the Secretary assessing the deployment of Phase II vehicles by the United States Postal Service for 2 years after the delivery date of such Phase II vehicles.
- (C) AWARD RECIPIENT CONSIDER-ATIONS.—In selecting the award recipient under this paragraph, the Secretary shall consider the ability of each applicant to provide objective, unbiased assessments not only with respect to individual companies but also with respect to competing technologies and competing segments of the electric vehicle industry (such

1	as all-electric and plug-in hybrid electric vehi-				
2	cles).				
3	(e) Accelerated Use Testing by Department				
4	OF ENERGY NATIONAL LABORATORIES.—				
5	(1) Accelerated use testing of battery				
6	PACKS IN A LABORATORY SETTING.—The Secretary				
7	shall direct one or more of the Department of En				
8	ergy National Laboratories to conduct tests of the				
9	Electric Vehicle Battery Packs delivered pursuant to				
10	paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of subsection (a), the				
11	results of which shall be submitted to the Secretary				
12	and the coordinating entity, to determine—				
13	(A) battery pack cycle life in likely use;				
14	and				
15	(B) the projected economic cost per vehicle				
16	mile of operation.				
17	(2) Accelerated use testing of				
18	POWERTRAINS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF A LABORA-				
19	TORY SETTING.—The Secretary shall direct one or				
20	more of the Department of Energy National Labora-				
21	tories to conduct tests of the powertrains delivered				
22	pursuant to subsection (a), the results of which shall				
23	be submitted to the Secretary and the coordinating				
24	entity, to determine—				

1	(A) powertrain life and warranty needs in					
2	projected use; and					
3	(B) the projected economic cost per vehicle					
4	mile of operation.					
5	(f) Data Completion and Integrity.—					
6	(1) Data completion.—All Phase 1 data and					
7	analyses under paragraphs (1) through (4) of sub-					
8	section (d) and the results of the tests conducted					
9	pursuant to subsection (e) shall be submitted to the					
10	Secretary and the coordinating entity not later than					
11	44 months after the program start date.					
12	(2) Integrity of testing and data collec-					
13	TION.—The Inspector General of the United States					
14	Postal Service and the Inspector General of the De-					
15	partment of Energy shall have joint responsibility to					
16	ensure the integrity of all testing and data collection					
17	and the objectivity of all assessments and reports					
18	under this section.					
19	(g) Disqualifications.—					
20	(1) Independent assessment.—No person or					
21	entity who has a financial interest in any member of					
22	team or entity applying for an award of funds under					
23	subsection (a) shall be allowed to participate in any					

project for any area of interest under subsection (d).

1 (2) INDEPENDENT COORDINATION.—Any appli-2 cant for the award of funds under subsection (d)(6) 3 shall be disqualified from receiving an award of 4 funds under subsection (a).

(h) REVENUES DEPOSITED INTO FUND.—

- (1) ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND.—There is established in the Treasury of the United States a fund to be known as the "Postal Service Sustainability Fund", consisting of such amounts as may be appropriated to the Postal Service Sustainability Fund as provided in this section.
- (2) Transfers to fund.—There are hereby appropriated to the Postal Service Sustainability Fund any amounts received for grid services pursuant to subsection (a)(7) and any other revenues of United States Postal Service generated through activities under this Act.
- (3) EXPENDITURES FROM POSTAL SERVICE SUSTAINABILITY FUND.—Amounts in the Postal Service Sustainability Fund shall be available, as provided by appropriation Acts, in any year for use by the United States Postal Service to make capital improvements to its infrastructure (including vehicles and facilities) to benefit the environment.

1 SEC. 4. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR PHASE II.

2	(a)	REPORT	BY THE	Inspector	GENERAL.—Not
3	later tha	ın 60 day	s after th	e submission	of the report re-

- 4 quired under section 3(d)(6)(B)(i), the Inspector General
- 5 of the United States Postal Service shall review such re-
- 6 port and submit to the Secretary a separate report with
- 7 recommendations for specific vehicles and charging sta-
- 8 tions for Phase II.
- 9 (b) Teams for Production.—On the basis of the
- 10 report required under section 3(d)(6)(B)(i) and the report
- 11 of the Inspector General of the United States Postal Serv-
- 12 ice required under subsection (a), the Secretary shall se-
- 13 lect the recipient or recipients for awards of funds for
- 14 Phase II for the production and delivery of 10,000 electric
- 15 postal delivery vehicles and 12,000 charging stations.
- 16 SEC. 5. BUY AMERICAN PRIORITY.
- 17 In awarding funds for Phase I and Phase II of the
- 18 program established pursuant to section 2(a), the Sec-
- 19 retary shall give priority to applicants that have dem-
- 20 onstrated commitment to—
- 21 (1) if sufficient and reasonably available com-
- 22 mercial quantities of a satisfactory quality are avail-
- able, using—
- 24 (A) only such unmanufactured articles,
- 25 materials, and supplies as have been mined or
- produced in the United States; and

1	(B) only such manufactured articles, mate
2	rials, and supplies as have been manufactured
3	in the United States substantially all from arti
4	cles, materials, or supplies mined, produced, or
5	manufactured, as the case may be, in the
6	United States; and
7	(2) entering into contracts, with respect to any
8	area of interest under this Act, that contain a provi-
9	sion that in the performance of the work of a con
10	tractor, subcontractors, material men, or suppliers
11	shall use—
12	(A) only such unmanufactured articles
13	materials, and supplies as have been mined or
14	produced in the United States; and
15	(B) only such manufactured articles, mate
16	rials, and supplies as have been manufactured
17	in the United States substantially all from arti
18	cles, materials, or supplies mined, produced, or
19	manufactured, as the case may be, in the
20	United States.
21	SEC. 6. INFORMATION CLEARINGHOUSE.
22	The Secretary, as part of the program established
23	pursuant to section 2(a) and in compliance with Federa
24	and State laws, shall collect and make publicly available

25 information on the cost, performance, and other technical

- 1 data regarding the deployment and integration of electric
- 2 drive vehicles, charging stations, and Vehicle-to-Grid and
- 3 other grid services, including the reports required under
- 4 section 3(d)(6)(B). The Secretary shall establish rules for
- 5 access to such information in a manner to protect propri-
- 6 etary information and to ensure that disclosing entities are
- 7 not placed at a competitive disadvantage.

8 SEC. 7. EXEMPTION.

- 9 Activities or services provided by the United States
- 10 Postal Service arising from the program established pur-
- 11 suant to section 2(a) shall be exempt from restrictions
- 12 under section 404(e) of title 39, United States Code, and
- 13 any regulation or order promulgated thereunder.

14 SEC. 8. DEFINITIONS.

- 15 In this Act:
- 16 (1) The term "aggregator" means a inde-
- pendent intermediary in the power industry that
- combines and coordinates the power needs of mul-
- tiple vehicles during recharging and acts as a liaison
- 20 between a Regional Transmission Operator or Inde-
- 21 pendent System Operator and owners of battery
- packs and electric vehicles.
- 23 (2) The term "charge level set-points and pro-
- tocols" means guidelines issued by a battery manu-
- 25 facturer for the range of charge levels that a battery

1	pack should be operated within in order to attain a
2	given number of charge cycles, life duration, or other
3	key performance metrics.
4	(3) The term "coordinating entity" means the
5	entity that receives an award of funds for the area
6	of interest under section 3(d)(6).
7	(4) The term "cycle life" means the total num-
8	ber of charge and discharge cycles a rechargeable
9	battery cell or pack can sustain before the end of life
10	of such battery cell or pack (meaning the battery cell
11	or pack is capable of delivering only 80 percent of
12	its initial rated ampere-hour capacity).
13	(5) The term "depth of discharge" means the
14	amount of energy that has been removed from a bat-
15	tery (or battery pack), typically expressed as a per-
16	centage of the total capacity of the battery.
17	(6) The term "Electric Vehicle Battery Pack"
18	means a battery pack that—
19	(A) has a maximum nominal voltage be-
20	tween 300 and 600 volts of direct current;
21	(B) is capable of being exchanged with
22	other Electric Vehicle Battery Packs within 4

hours within the given vehicle or powertrain for

which it is configured;

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1	(C) has an advanced-chemistry design and
2	an anticipated cycle life without replacement of
3	a minimum of 7 years under normal driving
4	conditions;
5	(D) if lithium-ion, has passed UN safety
6	tests prior to deliveries of the test fleet;
7	(E) is capable of satisfying the require-
8	ments under the program established pursuant
9	to section 2(a) with respect to a vehicle or
10	powertrain for which it is configured;
11	(F) is Vehicle-to-Grid Compatible; and
12	(G) with respect to a specific powertrain or
13	vehicle in the test fleet, is designed to be inter-
14	changeable and, to the extent practicable is pro-
15	duced in equal quantities of 3 sizes of 20 kilo-
16	watt-hours, 30 kilowatt-hours, and 40 kilowatt-
17	hours of useful kilowatt-hour capacity, respec-
18	tively.
19	(7) The term "Environmental Protection Agen-
20	cy urban driving cycle" means a test driving cycle
21	incorporating a series of data points representing
22	the speed of a vehicle versus time used by the Envi-
23	ronmental Protection Agency to test and measure

vehicle emissions.

1	(8) The term "existing United States Postal
2	Service Long Life Vehicle" means a United States
3	Postal Service Long Life Vehicle—
4	(A) originally produced by Grumman Al-
5	lied Industries, Inc.; and
6	(B) used in 2009 for postal delivery.
7	(9) The term "50 percent-derated US06 urban
8	driving cycle" means a test driving cycle in which
9	the vehicle speed is 50 percent of that listed in the
10	US06 driving cycle for each one second interval.
11	(10) The term "Federal motor vehicle stand-
12	ards" means the standards under part 571 of title
13	49, Code of Federal Regulations.
14	(11) The term "financial interest" means any
15	interest in, or affiliation with, an applicant for an
16	award of funds under the program established pur-
17	suant to section 2(a) in the 12 months prior to the
18	date of application for such an award of funds. A fi-
19	nancial interest includes—
20	(A) an ownership interest that is more
21	than 1 percent of equity or bonds outstanding
22	(B) a loan or other financial arrangement
23	and

1	(C) employment (not including legal or
2	consulting services) or arrangements for future
3	employment.
4	(12) The term "grid services" mean the provi-
5	sion of services of monetary value to the power grid,
6	including—
7	(A) regulation;
8	(B) quick response emergency power at the
9	grid level to prevent cascading shutdowns;
10	(C) at the distribution system level, reduc-
11	ing load at substations and transformers at
12	critical times when the grid is overloaded; and
13	(D) the balancing of intermittent renew-
14	able energy sources, such as wind.
15	(13) The term "Independent System Operator"
16	has the meaning given such term in section 3(28) of
17	the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 796(28)).
18	(14) The term "lifetime energy" means the
19	total energy available from a battery pack when op-
20	erated using manufacturer defined depth-of-dis-
21	charge and charge level set-points and protocols (in-
22	cluding thermal management) during the period
23	from its first use to the charge cycle when the bat-
24	tery pack can only be charged to 80 percent of its
25	nameplate capacity.

(15) The term "nameplate capacity" means the 1 2 nominal maximum energy capacity of a battery 3 pack. (16) The term "Phase I" means the portion of 4 5 the program established pursuant to section 2(a) 6 that occurs before Phase II. (17) The term "Phase II" means the portion of 7 8 the program established pursuant to section 2(a) re-9 quired under section 4, the production, deployment, 10 and installation of the vehicles and charging stations 11 described in section 4(b), and the reports required 12 under section 3(d)(6)(B)(ii). (18) The term "program start date" means a 13 14 date designated by the Secretary in consultation 15 with the United States Postal Service that is not 16 later than 90 days after the date of the first award 17 of funds under the program established pursuant to 18 section 2(a). 19 (19) The term "qualification" means activities 20 after the design phase that demonstrate that certain 21 requirements are met by a product, including— 22 (A) with respect to vehicles produced and 23 delivered pursuant to this Act, meeting the 24 Federal motor vehicle safety standards that re-

quire crash tests and data analysis; and

1	(B) with respect to lithium ion Electric Ve-
2	hicle Battery Packs developed and delivered
3	pursuant to this Act, passing UN safety tests
4	before vehicle deliveries begin.
5	(20) The term "Regional Transmission Organi-
6	zation" has the meaning such term in section 3(27)
7	of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 796(27)).
8	(21) The term "regulation" means, with respect
9	to electric energy markets, continuous adjustment of
10	and balancing of load and generation in response to
11	a real time signal to maintain the grid frequency of
12	60 Hertz.
13	(22) The term "right hand drive" means, with
14	respect to a vehicle, that the driving seat and con-
15	trols of such vehicle are on the right side of such ve-
16	hicle.
17	(23) The term "Secretary" means the Secretary
18	of Energy.
19	(24) The term "spinning reserves" means avail-
20	able storage capacity that is infrequently called upon
21	to provide power to the power grid in response to a
22	real time signal in the event of an unplanned power
23	shortage.
24	(25) The term "test fleet" means the fleet of
25	vehicles delivered pursuant to Phase I.

- 1 (26) The term "UN safety tests" means the 2 protocols and safety standards required for the safe 3 transit of dangerous goods, including lithium ion 4 batteries, as established by the United Nations 5 Transport of Dangerous Goods subcommittee.
 - (27) The term "useful-kilowatt-hour" means the energy capacity of a battery pack when operated within depth of discharge ranges established by the manufacturer to achieve cycle life, lifetime energy, longevity, and other performance goals of the battery pack.
 - (28) The term "US06 driving cycle" means a test driving cycle used by the Environmental Protection Agency designed to simulate aggressive vehicle operation and used in the 5-cycle fuel economy measurement that incorporates fuel economy values from 5 different emission test cycles to get an overall fuel economy estimate to reflect real world driving.
 - (29) The term "Vehicle-to-Grid" means use of an electric drive vehicle (battery, fuel cell, or hybrid) to provide power to the power grid for various uses while the vehicle is parked.
- 24 (30) The term "Vehicle-to-Grid Compatible" 25 means—

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1	(A) with respect to a Electric Vehicle Bat-
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3	lished pursuant to section 2(a)—
4	(i) is capable of recharging from an
5	external source of electric energy at a rate
6	of at least 15 kilowatts continuous; and
7	(ii) is capable of discharging electric
8	energy from the vehicle to the power grid
9	at a rate of at least 15 kilowatts contin-
10	uous; and
11	(B) with respect to a vehicle delivered
12	under the program established pursuant to sec-
13	tion 2(a)—
14	(i) is equipped with an Electric Vehi-
15	cle Battery Pack that meets the require-
16	ments under subparagraph (A);
17	(ii) is capable of drawing motive
18	power from a battery with useful-kilowatt-
19	hour capacity of at least 15 kilowatt-hours;
20	and
21	(iii) is equipped with on-board com-
22	munications hardware and software that
23	allow for the external computer control of
24	the direction and rate of battery charging
25	and discharging by an aggregator.

1 SEC. 9. AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS.

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2	(a) Phase I.—
3	(1) All-electric trucks.—There are author
4	ized to be appropriated \$125,000,000 to carry ou
5	the area of interest under section $3(a)(1)$.
6	(2) New electric united states postai
7	SERVICE LONG LIFE VEHICLES AND DERIVATIVE
8	ELECTRIC VEHICLES.—There are authorized to be
9	appropriated \$415,000,000 to carry out the area o
10	interest under section $3(a)(2)$.
11	(3) Electric drive powertrains.—There
12	are authorized to be appropriated \$480,000,000 to
13	carry out the area of interest under section 3(a)(3)
14	with not more than one-fourth of such amount to be
15	used for the design, production, and delivery of plug
16	in hybrid electric vehicle powertrains.
17	(4) Conversion of existing united states
18	POSTAL SERVICE LONG LIFE VEHICLES.—There are
19	authorized to be appropriated \$35,000,000 to carry
20	out the area of interest under section 3(a)(4).
21	(5) Plug-in hybrid electric vehicles.—
22	There are authorized to be appropriated

\$60,000,000 to carry out the area of interest under

section 3(a)(5).

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- 1 (6) CHARGING STATIONS.—There are author-2 ized to be appropriated \$60,000,000 to carry out the 3 area of interest under section 3(a)(6).
 - (7) SMART GRID TECHNOLOGY.—There are authorized to be appropriated \$140,000,000 to carry out the area of interest under section 3(a)(7).
 - (8) LITHIUM ION BATTERY REPURPOSING.—
 There are authorized to be appropriated \$30,000,000 to carry out the area of interest under section 3(a)(8).
 - (9) STANDARDS AND SAFETY POLICY.—There are authorized to be appropriated \$25,000,000 to carry out the area of interest under section 3(a)(9).
 - (10) CHARGE AND USE DATA COLLECTION.—
 There are authorized to be appropriated \$15,000,000 to carry out the area of interest under section 3(d)(1).
 - (11) Charging and Vehicle-To-Grid data collection.—There are authorized to be appropriated \$15,000,000 to carry out the area of interest under section 3(d)(2).
 - (12) Assessment of Mission Require-Ments.—There are authorized to be appropriated \$7,500,000 to carry out the area of interest under section 3(d)(3).

- 1 (13) ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL IM-2 PACTS.—There are authorized to be appropriated 3 \$7,500,000 to carry out the area of interest under 4 section 3(d)(4).
 - (14) EDUCATION AND OUTREACH.—There are authorized to be appropriated \$5,000,000 to carry out the area of interest under section 3(d)(5).
 - (15) COORDINATION, OVERALL ASSESSMENT, AND SUMMARY REPORT ON PHASE I.—There are authorized to be appropriated \$25,000,000 to carry out the coordination and report aspects of the area of interest under section 3(d)(6).
 - (16) ACCELERATED USE TESTING OF BATTERY PACKS.—There are authorized to be appropriated \$20,000,000 to carry out the testing under section 3(e)(1).
 - (17) ACCELERATED USE TESTING OF POWERTRAINS.—There are authorized to be appropriated \$15,000,000 to carry out the testing under section 3(e)(2).
 - (18) Job Training.—There are authorized to be appropriated \$5,000,000 to the Secretary during Phase I for the training of United States Postal Service employees for maintenance of postal electric

- vehicles delivered pursuant to this Act and installa-
- 2 tion and maintenance of related infrastructure.
- 3 (19) Additional awards.—There are author-
- 4 ized to be appropriated \$20,000,000 to the Sec-
- 5 retary during Phase I, for making additional awards
- of funds, at the discretion of the Secretary, to ad-
- 7 dress other related issues, such as cold-weather per-
- 8 formance of vehicles and batteries, possible integra-
- 9 tion into rural postal deliveries, and in-vehicle en-
- hancements.
- 11 (b) Phase II.—There are authorized to be appro-
- 12 priated to the Secretary \$450,000,000 for the production
- 13 and delivery of the vehicles and the installation of charg-
- 14 ing stations described in section 4(b).
- 15 (c) Administration and Training.—From the
- 16 funds appropriated pursuant to subsections (a) and (b),
- 17 in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year,
- 18 the Secretary shall reimburse the United States Postal
- 19 Service and the Inspector General of the United States
- 20 Postal Service for any costs incurred in administering the
- 21 program established pursuant to section 2(a).