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Dated: February 24, 2010.

**Connie M. Downs,**

*OPIC Corporate Secretary.*

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## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP2010-25; Order No. 411]

### New Postal Product

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is noticing a recently-filed Postal Service request to add a Global Expedited Package Services 2 (GEPS 2) contract to the Competitive Product List. This notice addresses procedural steps associated with this filing.

**DATES:** Comments are due: March 2, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>. Commenters who cannot submit their views electronically should contact the person identified in "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:" by telephone for advice on alternatives to electronic filing.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, 202-789-6820 or [stephen.sharfman@prc.gov](mailto:stephen.sharfman@prc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Regulatory History*, 74 FR 49823 (Sept. 29, 2009).

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### I. Introduction

On February 19, 2010, the Postal Service filed a notice announcing that it has entered into an additional Global Expedited Package Services 2 (GEPS 2) contract.<sup>[1]</sup> The Postal Service believes the instant contract is functionally equivalent to previously submitted GEPS 2 contracts, and is supported by Governors' Decision No. 08-7, attached to the Notice and originally filed in Docket No. CP2008-4. *Id.* at 1, Attachment 2. 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 1. In Order No. 290, the Commission approved the GEPS 2 product.<sup>[2]</sup>

*The instant contract.* The Postal Service filed the instant contract pursuant to 39 CFR 3015.5. In addition, the Postal Service contends that the contract is in accordance with Order No. 86. The Postal Service submitted the contract and supporting materials under seal along with an application for non-public treatment as Attachment 1, and attached a redacted copy of the contract and a certified statement required by 39 CFR 3015.5(c)(2) to the Notice as Attachments 3 and 4, respectively. *Id.* at 1-2. The term of the contract is one year from the date the Postal Service notifies the customer that all necessary regulatory approvals have been received.

The Notice advances reasons why the instant GEPS 2 contract fits within the Mail Classification Schedule language for GEPS 2. The Postal Service contends that the instant contract is functionally equivalent to the GEPS 2 contracts filed previously, despite minor differences in both the general language and for customer-specific information, all of which are highlighted in the Notice. *Id.* at 3-7.

The Postal Service contends that several factors demonstrate the contract's functional equivalence with previous GEPS 2 contracts, including the general terms of the contract, the market to which it is being offered, and its cost characteristics. *Id.* at 3. The Postal Service concludes that because "the GEPS agreements incorporate the

<sup>[1]</sup> Notice of United States Postal Service Filing of Functionally Equivalent Global Expedited Package Services 2 Negotiated Service Agreement and Application for Non-Public Treatment of Materials Filed Under Seal, February 19, 2010 (Notice).

<sup>[2]</sup> 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).

same cost attributes and methodology, the relevant cost and market characteristics are similar, if not the same ..." despite any incidental differences. *Id.* at 6.

The Postal Service contends that its filings demonstrate that this new GEPS 2 contract is established in compliance with the requirements of 39 U.S.C. 3633, is functionally equivalent to previous GEPS 2 contracts, and requests that this contract be included within the GEPS 2 product. *Id.* at 7.

### II. Notice of Filing

The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2010-25 for consideration of matters related to the contract identified in the Postal Service's Notice.

Interested persons may submit comments on whether the Postal Service's contract is consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3622 or 3642. Comments are due no later than March 2, 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 filings.

### III. Ordering Paragraphs

*It is ordered:*

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2010-25 for consideration of matters raised by the Postal Service's Notice.

2. Comments by interested persons in these proceedings are due no later than March 2, 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.

**Shoshana M. Grove,**  
*Secretary.*

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #12049 and #12050]

### Maryland Disaster #MD-00011

**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 Maryland (FEMA–1875–DR), dated 02/19/2010.

*Incident:* Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm.

*Incident Period:* 12/18/2009 through 12/20/2009.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* 02/19/2010.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 04/20/2010.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:* 11/19/2010.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that as a result of the President's major disaster declaration on 02/19/2010, Private Non-Profit organizations that provide essential services of governmental nature may file disaster loan applications at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

*Primary Counties:* Baltimore, Caroline, Cecil, Harford, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, Queen Anne's.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Non-Profit Organizations With Credit Available Elsewhere ...	3.625
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.000
For Economic Injury:	
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 12049B and for economic injury is 12050B. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

**Cynthia G. Pitts,**

*Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### [Disaster Declaration #12040 and #12041]

#### Virginia Disaster #VA–00028

**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 Commonwealth of Virginia (FEMA–1874–DR), dated 02/16/2010.

*Incident:* Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm.

*Incident Period:* 12/18/2009 through 12/20/2009.

*Effective Date:* 02/16/2010.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 04/19/2010.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:* 11/16/2010.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that as a result of the President's major disaster declaration on 02/16/2010, Private Non-Profit organizations that provide essential services of governmental nature may file disaster loan applications at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

*Primary Counties:* Albemarle, Alexandria City, Alleghany, Amherst, Arlington, Augusta, Bath, Bedford, Botetourt, Buchanan, Caroline, Charlottesville City, Culpeper, Dickenson, Fairfax, Fairfax City, Falls Church City, Grayson, Greene, Hanover, Highland, Lee, Louisa, Madison, Manassas City, Manassas Park City, Montgomery, Nelson, Norton City, Orange, Page, Prince William, Rockbridge, Russell, Scott, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Staunton City, Waynesboro City, Wise.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.625
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.000

	Percent
For Economic Injury: Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 12040B and for economic injury is 12041B. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

**James E. Rivera,**

*Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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## OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

### President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology; Notice of Meeting: Partially Closed Meeting of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology

**ACTION:** Public notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and summary agenda for a partially closed meeting of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST), and describes the functions of the Council. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C., App.

**DATES:** March 12, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the National Academy of Sciences building, 2100 C Street, NW., Lecture Room, Washington, DC.

*Type of Meeting:* Open and Closed.

*Proposed Schedule and Agenda:* The President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) is scheduled to meet in open session on March 12, 2010 from 10 a.m.–3 p.m. with a lunch break from 12 p.m.–2 p.m.

*Open Portion of Meeting:* During this open meeting, PCAST is tentatively scheduled to hear presentations from several speakers who will address the issues of agriculture research and food security. PCAST members will also discuss a report they are developing that reviews the National Nanotechnology Initiative. Additional information and the agenda will be posted at the PCAST Web site at: <http://whitehouse.gov/ostp/pcast>.

*Closed Portion of the Meeting:* PCAST may hold a closed meeting of approximately 1 hour with the President on March 12, 2010, which must take place in the White House for the President's scheduling convenience and