



February 20, 2015

Mr. Mark Dimondstein
President
American Postal Workers
Union, AFL-CIO
1300 L Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005-4128

**Certified Mail Tracking Number:
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Dear Mark:

As a matter of general interest, the Postal Service intends to eliminate the Specialized Operations Networking Integrated Keyboard Systems (SONIKS) after March 31, 2015.

The current SONIKS application does not meet Advanced Computing Environment III (ACE III) compatibility standards and currently resides on the ACE II platform. In addition, the Postal Service has implemented enhanced technology to the Delivery Schemeless Sortation (DSS) and Passive Adaptive Scanning System (PASS) systems which will assist with the reduction of manual scheme sortation requiring scheme knowledge.

In addition, the Postal Service intends to eliminate scheme qualifications on Clerk bid duty assignments after March 7, 2015. This is due to the continuing reduction in mail volumes requiring manual scheme knowledge. Furthermore, eliminating scheme qualifications on Clerk bid duty assignments will reduce the substantial annual costs for scheme training. There will be no impact to employees within the Clerk Craft who currently occupy a duty assignment with a scheme requirement.

Local management will have the discretion to provide scheme training to employees to support operational needs. However, the training will not be required for any bid duty assignments.

If there are any questions regarding this initiative, please contact Leigh Hsu of my staff at extension 4799.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick M. Devine".

Patrick M. Devine
Manager
Contract Administration (APWU)



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Mr. John F. Hegarty
President
National Postal Mail Handlers
Union (NPMHU)
1101 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 500
Washington, DC 20036-4304

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Dear John:

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Mr. Fredric V. Rolando
President
National Association of Letter Carriers
AFL-CIO
100 Indiana Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20001-2144

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Dear Fred:

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Ms. Jeanette Dwyer
President
National Rural Letter Carriers'
Association (NRLCA)
1630 Duke Street
Alexandria, VA 22314-3467

**Certified Mail Tracking Number:
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Dear Jeanette:

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Mr. Anthony D. Leonardi
President
National Association of Postmasters
of the United States
8 Herbert Street
Alexandria, VA 22305-2600

**Certified Mail Tracking Number:
7013 3020 0002 3617 2449**

Dear Tony:

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Mr. Gregory S. Acord
President
National League of Postmasters
of the United States
One Beltway Center
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Alexandria, VA 22303-1864

**Certified Mail Tracking Number:
7013 3020 0002 3617 2456**

Dear Mr. Acord:

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Mr. Louis Atkins
President
National Association of Postal Supervisors
1727 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314-2753

**Certified Mail Tracking Number:
7013 3020 0002 3617 2463**

Dear Louis:

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