



May 9, 2023

Mr. Mark Dimondstein
President
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Dear Mark:

In support of the Postmaster General's Delivering for America Plan, the Postal Service plans to remove and/or relocate an undefined number of Mail Processing Equipment (MPE) throughout the country in fiscal year (FY) 23 and FY24.

To accomplish this task, the Postal Service plans to develop teams of volunteer maintenance personnel to perform the MPE removals and/or relocations. Specifically, the Postal Service intends to solicitate volunteers from Electronic Technician (ET), Mail Processing Equipment Mechanic (MPE), and Maintenance Mechanic (MM) employees with a goal of getting individuals to participate on the MPE machine removal/relocation teams. The volunteers will be solicited first from those facilities scheduled to have a machine removed and/or relocated by the local facility. If additional volunteers are needed, solicitation will be expanded to other facilities. Maintenance craft employees who are trained on the equipment being removed and/or relocated will be considered before those employees who have not been trained; however, employees not trained on the equipment will be considered if additional volunteers are needed.

Enclosed is a list of MPE that may be removed and/or relocated. However, additional MPE not included on the enclosed list may be identified for removal and/or relocation by the MPE machine removal/relocation teams.

The MPE machine removal/relocation teams will consist of at least one Maintenance Technical Support Center (MTSC) Executive and Administration Schedule (EAS), MTSC National Support Technician (NST), or MTSC contractor team leader. The number of team members will vary based on local circumstances. Employees selected to be part of the MPE machine removal/relocation teams may be required to travel to other sites as needed based on the removal and/or relocation schedule. It is anticipated that each MPE machine removal/relocation team will work up to three (3) weeks depending on the platforms to be removed and/or relocated. Projects lasting longer than three (3) weeks will require rotation of teams every three (3) weeks.

Participation will be strictly voluntary, and selection will be based on geographical location and training. Volunteers will be expected to work ten (10) hours a day six (6)

days a week maximum and overtime will be paid in accordance with Article 8 of the National Agreement.

The removal and/or relocation of machines is set to begin in August 2023 in Atlanta Georgia, followed by Charlotte, North Carolina. It is anticipated that additional sites will be identified where the subject MPE machine removal/relocation teams will be utilized, however, those sites have not yet been determined.

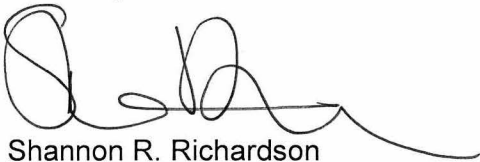
Volunteers will be required to provide their own work clothes, coveralls, hard hats, safety glasses, gloves, personal protective equipment (PPE), and Lock Out Tag Out (LOTO) devices.

Volunteers traveling away from their domiciled site will be scheduled by Headquarters Maintenance Operations. All travel arrangements will be done in accordance with Handbook F-15, *Travel and Relocation*.

The MPE machine removal/relocation team concept was discussed with Director Idowu Balogun and Assistant Director Jason Treier on May 3.

If there are any questions, please contact Tom Elias at (301) 300-5022.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shannon R. Richardson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Shannon R. Richardson
Director
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