

NSF present the awards to the mentors at an awards ceremony.

**• Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching**

The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) is the highest recognition that a kindergarten through 12th-grade mathematics or science teacher may receive for outstanding teaching in the United States. Enacted by Congress in 1983, this program authorizes the President to bestow 108 awards, assuming there are qualified applicants. In even-numbered years, nominations are accepted for elementary teachers (grades K–6); in odd-numbered years, secondary teachers (grades 7–12) are nominated. This award is managed at NSF by the Directorate for Education and Human Resources (EHR).

**Nomination Criteria**

A teacher may be nominated by a principal, another teacher, students, members of the community, or the general public. Self-nominations are allowed. Awardees must be either U.S. Citizens or U.S. Permanent Residents. A Nominee must meet the following criteria to apply:

- Be highly qualified as deemed by their states, districts, or schools;
- Teach in one of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the four U.S. territories, including the Department of Defense Schools (DoDEA).
- Hold a degree or appropriate credentials in the category for which they are applying.

- Be a full-time employee of the school or school district.
- Have at least 5 years of mathematics or science teaching (including computer science) experience prior to application.
- Teach mathematics or science at the kindergarten through 6th grade level or at the 7th through 12th grade level in a public or private school.
- Not have received the national PAEMST award in any prior competition or category.

**Application Process**

- Applicants complete a 12-page written document on five dimensions of outstanding teaching (content knowledge, pedagogy, assessment, leadership and professional development) and submit a video of one class. Three letters of reference including one from a school official are required, along with a resume or biographical sketch.
- The applicant has a 7-month period (October to May) to complete applications and submit them for state review. The nomination period is from October to April.

**Review of Nominations**

- State coordinators convene state selection committees of prominent mathematicians, scientists, mathematics and science educators, and past awardees to select up to five mathematics and five science finalists for recognition at the state level and for submission to NSF. To ensure consistency, state selection committees review their applications using the same criteria and scoring information that was approved by OSTP.
- NSF (EHR) convenes a National Selection Committee of prominent

mathematicians, scientists, mathematics and science educators, and past awardees that review the application packets of the state finalists and make recommendations to NSF. NSF reviews these recommendations and recommends one awardee in both mathematics and science for all eligible jurisdictions, when possible, to OSTP. Alternatively, NSF may recommend two awardees from a discipline in a jurisdiction, when warranted.

**Award Ceremony**

The awardees are hosted for 3–4 days in Washington, DC, for a variety of professional development sessions and celebratory activities. Each awardee receives a citation signed by the President and \$10,000 from NSF. If scheduling permits, the President meets the teachers for a photo opportunity at the White House. The Director of OSTP and the Director of NSF present the citations to the teachers at an awards ceremony. Awardees also have the opportunity to meet their congressional representatives and education representatives from other federal agencies.

*Estimate of Burden:* These are annual award programs with application deadlines varying according to the program. Public burden also may vary according to program; however, across all the programs, it is estimated that each submission will average 19 hours per respondent. If the nominator is thoroughly familiar with the disciplinary background of the nominee, time spent to complete the nomination may be considerably reduced. See the table below for the burden estimates for each award.

Award	Estimated number of responses	Estimated annual burden hours per response	Total estimated annual burden hours
President’s National Medal of Science .....	80	20	1,600
Alan T. Waterman Award .....	70	20	1,400
Vannevar Bush Award .....	20	15	300
Public Service Award .....	30	15	450
PAESMEM .....	200	20	4,000
PAEMST .....	1,000	24	24,000
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>41,350</b>

*Respondents:* Individuals, businesses or other for-profit organizations, universities, non-profit institutions, and Federal and State governments.

*Frequency of Responses:* Annually.

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**POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**[Docket Nos. MC2018–14 and CP2018–30; MC2018–15 and CP2018–31; MC2018–16 and CP2018–32; MC2018–17 and CP2018–33]**

**New Postal Products**

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing for the Commission's consideration concerning negotiated service agreements. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

**DATES:** *Comments are due:* November 2, 2017.

**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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202-789-6820.

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**I. Introduction**

The Commission gives notice that the Postal Service filed request(s) for the Commission to consider matters related to negotiated service agreement(s). The request(s) may propose the addition or removal of a negotiated service agreement from the market dominant or the competitive product list, or the modification of an existing product currently appearing on the market dominant or the competitive product list.

Section II identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, the title of each Postal Service request, the request's acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. For each request, the Commission appoints an officer of the Commission to represent the interests of the general public in the proceeding, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505 (Public Representative). Section II also establishes comment deadline(s) pertaining to each request.

The public portions of the Postal Service's request(s) can be accessed via the Commission's Web site (<http://www.prc.gov>). Non-public portions of the Postal Service's request(s), if any, can be accessed through compliance with the requirements of 39 CFR 3007.40.

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service's request(s) in the captioned docket(s) are consistent with the policies of title 39. For request(s) that the Postal Service states

concern market dominant product(s), applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3622, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3010, and 39 CFR part 3020, subpart B. For request(s) that the Postal Service states concern competitive product(s), applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3632, 39 U.S.C. 3633, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3015, and 39 CFR part 3020, subpart B. Comment deadline(s) for each request appear in section II.

**II. Docketed Proceeding(s)**

1. *Docket No(s):* MC2018-14 and CP2018-30; *Filing Title:* USPS Request to Add Priority Mail & First-Class Package Service Contract 61 to Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date:* October 25, 2017; *Filing Authority:* 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 39 CFR 3020.30 *et seq.*; *Public Representative:* Timothy J. Schwuchow; *Comments Due:* November 2, 2017.

2. *Docket No(s):* MC2018-15 and CP2018-31; *Filing Title:* USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Contract 371 to Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date:* October 25, 2017; *Filing Authority:* 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 39 CFR 3020.30 *et seq.*; *Public Representative:* Timothy J. Schwuchow; *Comments Due:* November 2, 2017.

3. *Docket No(s):* MC2018-16 and CP2018-32; *Filing Title:* USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express Contract 52 to Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date:* October 25, 2017; *Filing Authority:* 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 39 CFR 3020.30 *et seq.*; *Public Representative:* Jennaca D. Upperman; *Comments Due:* November 2, 2017.

4. *Docket No(s):* MC2018-17 and CP2018-33; *Filing Title:* USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & First-Class Package Service Contract 23 to Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date:* October 25, 2017; *Filing Authority:* 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 39 CFR 3020.30 *et seq.*; *Public Representative:* Jennaca D. Upperman; *Comments Due:* November 2, 2017.

This notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

**Stacy L. Ruble,**

*Secretary.*

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[Docket No. CP2018-34; CP2018-35]

**New Postal Products**

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**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing for the Commission's consideration concerning negotiated service agreements. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

**DATES:** *Comments are due:* November 3, 2017.

**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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