

Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES) within the National Science Foundation and cosponsored by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) within the U.S. Department of Education. The NTEWS serves the purpose of measuring and understanding two research concepts that are of national interest: (1) the education, training, and career pathways of skilled technical workers, and (2) the prevalence and interplay of education (postsecondary degrees and certificates), work credentials (certifications and licenses), and work experience programs among American workers.

The NTEWS will collect information on the following topics to examine the relationship between credentials and employment outcomes:

- Credential types
- Education characteristics
- Initial work training
- Employment characteristics
- Demographic characteristics

Given these areas of mutual interest for NCSES and NCES, the NTEWS will reduce public burden by fielding one cosponsored survey that meets the information needs of both federal agencies.

The 2024 NTEWS data collection effort will be the second cycle for a planned, biennial, rotating-panel design. Respondents can complete the survey in English or Spanish by web, paper, or computer-assisted telephone interviewing. The sponsoring agencies plan to include questions about sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) as experimental modules to examine the response rates and data quality for possible future inclusion of SOGI questions in the NTEWS. The agencies will analyze the 2024 NTEWS data to inform and resolve any statistical, methodological, operational, and content issues before the subsequent NTEWS collection cycle in the planned, biennial survey cycle design.

The U.S. Census Bureau, the agency responsible for the American Community Survey (ACS), will serve as the Federal data collection contractor for NCSES and NCES. The 2024 NTEWS sample will be selected from the 2022 ACS and the 2022 NTEWS, providing the needed coverage of the STW working in the United States. The NTEWS collection and data will be protected under the applicable Census Bureau confidentiality statutes.

Use of the information: NCSES and NCES intend to publish national estimates from the 2024 NTEWS and use the results to inform the next survey cycle. NCSES anticipates that the

NTEWS data will be used for the two congressionally mandated biennial reports authored by NCSES: *Women, Minorities, and Persons with Disabilities in Science and Engineering* (<https://www.nsf.gov/statistics/women/>) and *Science and Engineering Indicators* (<https://nces.nsf.gov/indicators>). NCES plans to release statistical reports and web tables on the status of educational and professional credentials in the United States. In addition, a public release file of collected data, designed to protect respondent confidentiality, will be made available to policymakers, researchers, and the public on the internet.

Established within NSF by the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010 § 505, codified in the NSF Act of 1950, as amended, NCSES serves as a central Federal clearinghouse for the collection, interpretation, analysis, and dissemination of objective data on science, engineering, technology, and research and development for use by practitioners, researchers, policymakers, and the public. NCSES also provides data to support the Science and Engineering Equal Opportunities Act of 1980, which directs NSF to provide to Congress and the Executive Branch an “accounting and comparison, by sex, race, and ethnic group and by discipline, of the participation of women and men in scientific and engineering positions.”

NCSES has historically met these legislative mandates through its surveys and biennial publications measuring the education, employment, and demographic characteristics of the nation’s college-educated scientists and engineers. However, an emerging research and policy interest in the STW creates a need for continued collection of the relatively new NTEWS data to expand and supplement NCSES’s efforts on the college-educated science and engineering workforce.

Expected Respondents: Eligible individuals are ages 16 through 75, not enrolled in high school or institutionalized, and living in the U.S. or Puerto Rico. The NTEWS sample design will meet the needs of the sponsoring agencies by providing coverage of the workforce-eligible adult population and including an oversample of adults in skilled technical occupations. A statistical sample of approximately 120,000 individuals (17,000 returning sample members from the 2022 NTEWS and 103,000 new sample members from the 2022 ACS) will be contacted in 2024 for the NTEWS production. Another 3,000 individuals known to have a certificate will form a seeded sample that will not

be included in the production of NTEWS official statistics. Information from the seeded sample will be used for agencies’ research purposes to evaluate questions on the NTEWS.

Estimate of Burden: The expected response rate is 62.5 percent, or 75,000 completed cases, a calculation that is based on the 2022 NTEWS. The time to complete the survey may vary depending on an individual’s circumstances and response mode (web, paper, or telephone). NCSES estimates an average completion time of 15 minutes. NCSES estimates that the average annual burden for the initial NTEWS over the course of the three-year OMB clearance period will be no more than 6,250 hours [75,000 completed cases × 15 minutes] / 3 years].

Comments: Comments are invited on (a) aspects of the data collection effort (including, but not limited to, the following: the availability of administrative and supplemental sources of data on the skilled technical workforce, survey content, contact strategy, and statistical methods); (b) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NCSES, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (c) the accuracy of the NCSES’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (d) ways to enhance the quality, use, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: September 18, 2023.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. MC2023–271 and CP2023–274]

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 a negotiated service agreement. This

notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: *Comments are due:* September 26, 2023.

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 website (<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 3011.301.¹

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 3030, and 39 CFR part 3040, 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 3035, and 39 CFR part 3040, subpart B. Comment deadline(s) for each request appear in section II.

II. Docketed Proceeding(s)

1. *Docket No(s):* MC2023-271 and CP2023-274; *Filing Title:* USPS Request to Add Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 56 to Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date:* September 18, 2023; *Filing Authority:* 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3040.130 through 3040.135, and 39 CFR 3035.105; *Public Representative:* Kenneth R. Moeller; *Comments Due:* September 26, 2023.

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

Erica A. Barker,
Secretary.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. C2023-6; Order No. 6688]

Complaint Proceeding

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is appointing a presiding officer to set a procedural schedule and conduct limited discovery for the purpose of determining disputed issues of fact in the case. This notice informs the public of the filing and takes other administrative steps.

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

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I. Introduction

On July 7, 2023, Mark Allan Edwards (Complainant) filed a complaint pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3662(a), 401(2), and 403(c) with the Commission challenging the Postal Service's decision to terminate delivery of oversized

packages to his front door.¹ On July 27, 2023, the Postal Service filed a motion to dismiss the Complaint.² Complainant did not respond to the Motion to Dismiss.

For the reasons discussed below, the Commission concludes that the Complaint raises material issues of fact, and therefore denies in part the Postal Service's Motion to Dismiss pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3662(b) and 39 CFR 3022.30(a)(1). Accordingly, the Commission appoints a presiding officer to set a procedural schedule and conduct limited discovery for the purpose of determining the disputed issues of fact in the case. 39 CFR 3030.21. The scope of the discovery proceeding will be limited only to fact-finding conducted by the presiding officer on the specific matters of fact identified in this order.

II. Background

A. General Background

Complainant is an individual resident of Clayton, Georgia and resides in the Mountain Creek Estates housing development. Complaint at 2; Motion to Dismiss at 3. The approved method of delivery for Mountain Creek Estates is central delivery with cluster mailboxes located at the entrance of the community, which is more than one-half mile from Complainant's home. Complaint at 1; Motion to Dismiss at 3. The Complaint alleges that from December 2019 until March 2022, the Postal Service delivered oversized packages to his door, even though it was more than one-half mile away from the centralized mailbox location. Complaint at 1.

B. Federal Court Proceedings

After the Postal Service stopped delivery of oversized packages, Complainant filed suit in the Northern District of Georgia, and sought resumption of that delivery and alleged a violation of the Postal Operations Manual. Complaint, *Edwards v. United States Postal Service*, No. 2:22-CV-160-SCJ (N.D. Ga. Aug. 15, 2022); Amended Complaint by Court Order, *Edwards v. United States Postal Service*, No. 2:22-CV-160-SCJ (N.D. Ga. Dec. 15, 2022). The United States filed a Motion to Dismiss in which it argued that the district court lacked subject matter jurisdiction to consider the complaint because Complainant failed to identify a specific statute that expressly waived

¹ Complaint of Mark Allan Edwards, July 7, 2023 (Complaint). Citations to the Complaint will be to the page number of the PDF.

² United States Postal Service's Motion to Dismiss, July 27, 2023 (Motion to Dismiss).

¹ See Docket No. RM2018-3, Order Adopting Final Rules Relating to Non-Public Information, June 27, 2018, Attachment A at 19-22 (Order No. 4679).