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USPS AND eBAY TEAM UP TO EXPAND SHIPPING OPTIONS

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Postal Service and eBay have teamed up to make it easier for eBay sellers to ship items by featuring postal products and services and by offering online access to useful shipping solutions.

USPS and eBay are offering eBay sellers the ability to access existing postal solutions that will enable them to print shipping labels, pay postage and check the delivery status of their items - *conveniently* from eBay. Buyers will be able to calculate shipping costs online, and there will be no need for eBay buyers or sellers to conduct transactions at Post Offices. Early next year, the parties anticipate that these same features will be integrated and accessible from sellers' eBay accounts.

"eBay sellers rely on the Postal Service to deliver their items sold online. Working with eBay, we have made it easier and more convenient for sellers to prepare and pay for their sold products without leaving their homes," said USPS Postmaster General and CEO

John E. Potter. "With our letter carriers delivering to every address in America, picking up packages for eBay sellers is swift and easy," he added.

"Fast, affordable and reliable shipping services are essential to eBay buyers and sellers alike," said eBay's President and CEO Meg Whitman. "We are very excited about this relationship because the Postal Service is committed to working with us to deliver more value to the eBay community."

The Postal Service's presence on eBay's Shipping Center features shipping options and online tools to help make shipping easier. eBay also plans to include Express Mail rates in the eBay shipping calculator in late fall of 2003.

"The U.S. Postal Service provides customers convenient access to postal products nationwide at Post Offices, grocery stores, ATMs and other commercial agents," said Potter. "It only makes sense that we provide the same level of convenient access *online*."

Postal Service and eBay executives said they are continuing to explore ways of enhancing shipping on eBay, including making it easier to ship internationally.