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## **U.S. POSTMASTER GENERAL SEEKS EMPLOYEES' AID TO SOUTH ASIA VICTIMS**

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Postmaster General John E. Potter today called upon the more than 700,000 Postal Service employees nationwide to support disaster relief efforts for earthquake and tsunami survivors in South Asia.

In a letter to all employees, Potter said, “Postal employees across the nation are well acquainted with the terrible toll in human suffering often inflicted upon those caught by natural disasters. We are often among the first to respond to people in communities hardest hit by disasters.”

In his appeal, Potter urged those who see fit, to work with local disaster relief groups to provide financial support to survivors of this recent tragedy. He noted that representatives of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) recommend cash contributions as the most effective way of providing relief assistance.

A listing of nonprofit agencies working to provide this assistance is located online at [www.usaid.gov/locations/asia\\_near\\_east/tsunami/ngolist.html](http://www.usaid.gov/locations/asia_near_east/tsunami/ngolist.html). The Postal Service has linked its internal website to USAID's site for easier access by Postal employees, and will add a link to its external site, [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com), for those customers who may wish to help.