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GUARANTEED EXPEDITED DELIVERY TO PACIFIC RIM NOW OPEN TO BUSINESSES

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Business mailers can now benefit by using a date-certain, guaranteed delivery service to the Pacific Rim utilizing the cooperative efforts of the U.S. Postal Service and five other world posts. Global Express Mail service with guarantee, which became available to non commercial mailers on July 25, 2005, was launched in an historic agreement among postal administrations for Australia, China, Hong Kong, Japan, the United States, and the Republic of South Korea.

The introduction of this guarantee feature was an enhancement to the existing Global Express Mail service and was available, until now, to non commercial mailers only. "Global Express Mail with guarantee is an ideal solution for business mailers," said Jim Wade, vice president of international business for the U.S. Postal Service. "It can help these commercial shippers conduct transactions in the Pacific Rim, an arena which continues to experience unprecedented growth in international trade," he added.

This five-day guaranteed delivery service, which has proven to be popular among lower volume shippers, has no hidden surcharges and offers the security and safety customers have come to expect from the U.S. Postal Service.

Global Express Mail with guarantee is available at all Post Offices in all 50 states, as well as Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Customers can track a shipment's progress online at www.usps.com or by calling 1-800-222-1811.

Please Note: Broadcast-quality audio files are being provided for radio reporters covering the Gulf Coast hurricanes on the U.S. Postal Service website press room: www.usps.com/communications/news/press.

Since 1775, the Postal Service and its predecessor, the Post Office Department, has connected friends, families, neighbors and businesses by mail. It is an independent federal agency that visits 142 million homes and businesses every day, six days a week and is the only service provider delivering to every address in the nation. The Postal Service receives no taxpayer dollars for routine operations, but derives its operating revenues solely from the sale of postage, products and services. With annual revenues of more than \$69 billion, it is the world's leading provider of mailing and delivery services, offering some of the most affordable postage rates in the world. The Postal Service delivers more than 46 percent of the world's mail volume—some 206 billion letters, advertisements, periodicals and packages a year—and serves seven and a half million customers each day at its 37,000 retail locations nationwide. Its website, usps.com, attracts more than 21 million visitors each month.