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AT 11:59 PM APRIL 17 WILL YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR 1040 IS? *Postal Service ready for "Tax Day"*

Washington, D.C. – Many Post Offices across the country will stay open later on Monday, April 17, as the U.S. Postal Service readies itself for customers who will file their 2005 individual income tax returns by mail, Postal officials said today.

"While some people opt for alternative means of filing their tax returns," said Delores Killete, consumer advocate and vice president of consumer affairs for the Postal Service, "the U.S. Mail is still a great choice for those who seek the satisfaction of handing these critical documents to another person or of taking them to a brick and mortar location for delivery."

The U.S. Postal Service offers the priceless commodities of privacy and sanctity of the mail at no extra cost – without using tax dollars. Mailed tax returns will be accepted and handled by Federal employees and delivered to State and Federal employees for processing.

Killete added, "For those customers who wish to keep tabs on their returns after they're mailed, the Postal Service provides Return Receipt, Delivery Confirmation, Signature Confirmation, and Express Mail services."

Information about these and other products and services and a listing of Post Offices with extended hours on April 17 can be found on www.usps.com. Customers can also phone 1-800-ASK-USPS for information, and those who need to place TTY-assisted calls can phone 1-877-TTY-2HLP.

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 more than 144 million homes and businesses every day 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 \$70 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 U.S. Postal Service delivers more than 46 percent of the world's mail volume—some 212 billion letters, advertisements, periodicals and packages a year—and serves seven million customers each day at its 37,000 retail locations nationwide.

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