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ARRAY OF INTERNATIONAL MAILING OPTIONS
AVAILABLE FOR EBAY ENTREPRENEURS
U.S. Postal Service expands online, global delivery services

WASHINGTON – No matter what “it” is, eBay entrepreneurs now have a variety of options to ship “it” internationally with the U.S. Postal Service, which was the message delivered today at an eBay Live 2006” conference in Las Vegas, NV.

Global shipping with the Postal Service is quick, easy and convenient. Through a single transaction, customers can pay with their PayPal accounts (through either eBay or PayPal’s websites), and print labels containing customs forms for the Postal Service's Global Express Mail, starting at \$15.50; Global Priority Mail, starting at \$7; and Global Airmail Parcel Post, starting at \$13.25.

“Global Shipping through the Postal Service offers some of the most economical international rates available on eBay, and the prices are fixed with no add-on charges,” said John E. Potter, Postmaster General and CEO of the U.S. Postal Service. “Flat rate global shipping options are also available and are fast, priced right, and easy-to-use.”

The streamlined labels containing customs forms allow customers to combine what had been three steps into a single transaction. As an added convenience, customers can arrange online to have these shipments picked up by the letter carriers who come to their homes and offices each day. “Carrier Pickup” allows customers to schedule a pickup as soon as the next day and as far in advance as three months.

The Postal Service is the title sponsor for “eBay Live! 2006,” eBay’s annual conference that draws more than 10,000 people from around the world to learn and network. Consumers and business owners will have the opportunity to learn all the trade secrets to effective selling and buying on eBay during a three-day conference in Las Vegas, NV, beginning June 13.

Potter first announced that international shipping options would be available to eBay customers at

the 2005 eBay conference. Less than five months later, the first options appeared online.

The online suite of international products also allows customers to calculate international shipping rates for Global Express Guaranteed, Global Express Mail, Global Priority Mail, Global Airmail Services and Global Economy Services; track and confirm delivery of Global Express Mail; and order free shipping supplies and customs envelopes.

“This is one more example of how the Postal Service works every day to meet the changing needs of our customers,” he said.

The Postal Service will host a “Ship It Home Center” at the conference, demonstrating the eBay/USPS “Integrated Shipping Solution” option on the eBay website. Anyone stopping by the center will be able to ship home conference materials in co-branded, eBay Priority Mail™ flat-rate boxes free of charge. Every attendee will receive a box when registering at the conference.

“The Postal Service offers the most shipping options on eBay including domestic shipping labels, free packaging supplies and more delivery days,” said Anita Bizzotto, Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer. “And the Postal Service reaches nearly every address in the world.”

Information on commercial mailing services, cost-savings programs and expanding business internationally can be found by going to www.usps.com/growingglobalbusiness.htm.

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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