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POSTAL SERVICE AND MAIL HANDLERS UNION **AGREE TO TENTATIVE CONTRACT EXTENSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Postal Service and the National Postal Mail Handlers Union reached a tentative two-year contract extension yesterday. If ratified by union members, this agreement will grant approximately 58,000 postal employees a 1.3 percent wage increase effective November 27, 2004, and a 1.3 percent increase effective November 26, 2005.

Postal Service Vice President Labor Relations Tony Vegliante affirms that the tentative two-year contract extension “is fair to both parties” and will aid in the Postal Service’s financial security.

Other terms of this tentative contract - covering the period from November 20, 2004 through November 20, 2006 - provide for the continuance of employees’ current cost-of-living allowance and a venue for addressing employee repositioning. All other provisions of the contract would remain unchanged.

This action follows a similar contract extension that was ratified between the Postal Service and the American Postal Workers Union in December 2002.

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