

**AREA MAIL PROCESSING (AMP) FEASIBILITY STUDY
Eau Claire, WI, P&DF to St. Paul, MN, P&DC**

October 27, 2011

An Area Mail Processing (AMP) study was initiated to evaluate moving the mail processing operations from the Eau Claire, WI, Processing and Distribution Facility (P&DF) to the St. Paul, MN, Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC). The initial results of the study support the business case for consolidation. This study, currently in review at United States Postal Service Headquarters and its Area Office is subject to change.

A public meeting will be held to share the initial results of the study and allow members of the community to ask questions and provide feedback. The public's input will be considered prior to a final decision. The meeting will be held on Monday, November 14, at 6:30 p.m., at the Ramada Convention Center, 205 South Barstow Street, in Eau Claire. Below are preliminary highlights from the study:

Business Case:

Below is a breakdown of the estimate of annual savings:

Annual Mail Processing Savings	\$1,261,510
Annual Management Savings	\$256,870
Annual Maintenance Savings	\$1,235,703
Annual Transportation Savings	\$411,728

Proposed annual savings in the draft AMP feasibility study are approximately \$3,165,811.

Postal Employees:

Due to the consolidation, a net decrease of approximately 40 positions is projected. All bargaining employee reassignments will be made in accordance with the respective collective bargaining agreements.

Net Craft Employee Impact	-38
Net Supervisory/Management Employee Impact	-2

Local Customer Considerations:

- Retail and other services currently available at the Eau Claire facility will not change at this time.
- Business mail acceptance will remain the same.
- Local collection box pick-up times may change as a result of the AMP.
- A local postmark will be available for stamped First-Class Mail.
- Delivery times of mail to residences and businesses will not change as a result of the AMP.
- The proposed consolidation would support a 2- to 3-day service standard for First-Class Mail.

Commercial Mailers:

- Mailers who presort mail will continue to receive appropriate postage discounts.
- Mailers who drop ship to Destination Sectional Center Facility (DSCF) for ZIP(s) 547 can expect changes if the AMP is approved.

Written comments may be sent to:

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All comments must be postmarked by November 29, 2011.