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Mr. Brian J. Wagner  
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Dear Brian:

As a matter of general interest, the Postal Service plans to test three vendor pilot systems of the Advanced Letter Processing System (ALPS).

The objective of this initiative is to improve, to the maximum extent possible, the efficiencies associated with unloading, staging, moving, and outbound loading of letter trays in a Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC), and the sortation of the letters within those trays to a delivery point sequence (DPS) that puts the letters in carrier walk sequence.

The Postal Service has three vendors (Solystic, Siemens, and Toshiba) who have developed pilot systems that will be installed and tested in live processing sites. The system developed by Solystic will be tested in the Richmond, Virginia P&DC, the system developed by Siemens will be tested in the Manasota, Florida P&DC, and the system developed by Toshiba will be tested in the Oklahoma City, Oklahoma P&DC. The pilot systems will run multiple DPS zones to evaluate performance and implementation. Once the test is complete the systems will be removed. The Postal Service will then make a decision regarding possible production and purchasing.

The vendor pilot systems are scheduled to be installed by the end of the Fiscal Year, with testing to be complete by the end of January 2018.

If you have any questions, please contact Bruce Nicholson at extension 7773.

Sincerely,

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