SUMMARY:

This notice is issued in accordance with the Federal Technology Transfer Act (FTTA), 15 U.S.C. 3710a, to enter into Cooperative Research and Development Agreements. These CRADAs will serve as a mechanism for NASA and its partners to agree to a series of mutually beneficial activities, which are expected to be consistent with NASA’s 2014 Strategic Plan. There must be specific, identifiable alignment with one or more elements of Strategic Goal 2, Objective 2.3 to optimize Agency technology investments, foster open innovation, and facilitate technology infusion, ensuring the greatest national benefit. This effort also aligns with the Presidential Memorandum of October 28, 2011, on Accelerating Technology Transfer and Commercialization of Federal Research in Support of High Growth Businesses.

DATES: Proposal Executive Summaries are due January 22, 2016, 5:00 p.m. EST.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for more information should be directed to Enidia Santiago-Arce, (301) 286–5810, gsfc-partnerships@mail.nasa.gov, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, 8800 Greenbelt Road GSFC: 504, 022:290J, Greenbelt, MD, 20771.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

NASA is in the early stages of developing new and innovative technologies in the area of optical communications. This new initiative is a collaboration activity to provide an opportunity to partner with NASA and is not intended to preclude ongoing or future partnerships discussions directly with NASA Centers or Mission Directorates for use of NASA personnel services or facilities. Entities with existing Agreements with NASA Centers or Mission Directorates are not required to respond to this Announcement to retain those Agreements. Participation in one initiative does not preclude participation in any of the others. Companies are free to interact with NASA in any or all of the initiatives that support their organization’s goals. A copy of this Announcement of Partnerships (AFP) could be obtained at http://partnerships.gsfc.nasa.gov/pcocs or by contacting Enidia Santiago-Arce. Proposal Executive Summaries should be submitted to NASA–GSFC on January 22, 2016 by 5:00 p.m. EST.

NASA is soliciting executive summaries for proposals from all interested U.S. private sector enterprises that wish to enter into a Reimbursable Cooperative Research and Development Agreements (CRADA) for Partnerships for Commercial Optical Communication Systems (PCOCS). The purpose of these agreements is to advance commercial space-related efforts by facilitating access to NASA’s spaceflight resources including technical expertise, assessments, lessons learned, and data. With this activity, NASA intends to focus on facilitating the development of integrated optical communications space capabilities. Examples of these capabilities include, but are not limited to, ground station management; flight and ground optical systems; ground network deployment; and terminal and space ground terminal facilities operations.

Cheryl E. Parker,
Federal Register Liaison Officer.
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II. Notice of Commission Action

The Commission establishes Docket Nos. MC2016–44 and CP2016–59 to consider the Request pertaining to the proposed Priority Mail & First-Class Package Service Contract 9 product and the related contract, respectively.

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service’s filings in the captioned dockets are consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, or 3642, 39 CFR part 3015, and 39 CFR part 3020, subpart B. Comments are due no later than December 29, 2015. The public portions of these filings can be accessed via the Commission’s Web site (http://www.prc.gov).

The Commission appoints Kenneth R. Moeller to serve as Public Representative in these dockets.

III. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Kenneth R. Moeller is appointed to serve as an officer of the Commission to represent the interests of the general public in these proceedings (Public Representative).
3. Comments are due no later than December 29, 2015.
4. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this order in the Federal Register.

By the Commission.

Stacy L. Ruble,
Secretary.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
[Docket Nos. MC2016–46 and CP2016–61; Order No. 2909]

New Postal Product

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing concerning the addition of Global Expedited Package Services—Non-Published Rates Contract 9 to the competitive product list. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: Comments are due: December 29, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission’s Filing Online system at http://www.prc.gov. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202–789–6820.

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I. Introduction

In accordance with 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 39 CFR 3020.30 et. seq. and Order No. 2774,1 the Postal Service filed a formal request and associated supporting information to add Global Expedited Package Services—Non-Published Rates Contract 9 (GEPS—NPR 9) to the competitive product list.2 The Postal Service states the addition of GEPS—NPR 9 to the competitive product list is necessary due to its creation of a Management Analysis of the Prices and Methodology for Determining Prices for Negotiated Service Agreements under Global Expedited Package Services—Non-Published Rates 9 (GEPS—NPR 9 Management Analysis), and an accompanying financial model that revises the previously filed Global Expedited Package Services—Non-Published Rates Contract 8 (GEPS—NPR 8) Management Analysis and its financial model. Request at 2–3.

To support its Request, the Postal Service filed the following attachments:

• Attachment 1, an application for non-public treatment of materials filed under seal;
• Attachment 2A, a redacted version of Governors’ Decision No. 11–6;
• Attachment 2B, a revised version of the Mail Classification Schedule section 2510.8 GEPS—NPR;
• Attachment 2C, a redacted version of GEPS—NPR 9 Management Analysis;
• Attachment 2D, Maximum and Minimum Prices for Global Express Guaranteed (GXG), Priority Express Mail International (PMEI), Priority Mail International (PMI), and First-Class Package International (FCPIS) under GEPS—NPR 9 Contracts;
• Attachment 2E, the certified statement concerning the prices for applicable negotiated service agreements under GEPS—NPR 9, required by 39 CFR 3015.5(c)(2);
• Attachment 3, a Statement of Supporting Justification, which is filed pursuant to 39 CFR 3020.32; and
• Attachment 4, a redacted version of the GEPS—NPR 9 model contract. Id. at 3–4.

In the Statement of Supporting Justification, Giselle Valera, Managing Director and Vice President, Global Business, asserts the product is designed to increase efficiency of the Postal Service’s processes, as well as enhance its ability to compete in the marketplace. Request, Attachment 3 at 1. She contends GEPS—NPR 9 belongs on the competitive product list as it is part of a market over which the Postal Service does not exercise market dominance,3 is not subsidized by market dominant products, covers costs attributable to it, and does not cause competitive products as a whole to fail to make the appropriate contribution to institutional costs, Request, Attachment 3 at 1.

The Postal Service included a redacted version of the GEPS—NPR 9 model contract with the Request. Id. Attachment 4. The Postal Service represents the GEPS—NPR 9 model contract is similar to the GEPS—NPR 8 model contract approved by the Commission in Order No. 2774. Request at 6.

The Postal Service represents it will notify each GEPS—NPR 9 customer of the contract’s effective date no later than 30 days after receiving the signed agreement from the customer. Id. Attachment 4 at 4. Unless terminated sooner, each contract will expire the one calendar year from its effective date (if the effective date is the first of the month) or from the last day of the month in which its effective date falls (if the effective date is not the first of the month). Id. The Postal Service represents that the contract is in compliance with 39 U.S.C. 3633. Request at 4, 9; id. Attachment 3 at 2–3.

The Postal Service filed much of the supporting materials, including an unredacted model contract, under seal. Request at 8. It maintains that the

2 Request of the United States Postal Service to Add Global Expedited Package Services—Non-Published Rates 9 (GEPS—NPR 9) to the Competitive Products List and Notice of Filing GEPS—NPR 9 Model Contract and Application for Non-Public Treatment of Materials Filed Under Seal, December 18, 2015 (Request).
3 The Postal Service claims it does not exercise sufficient market power to set the price of GXG, PMEI, PMI, and FCPIS substantially above costs, raise prices significantly, decrease quality, or decrease output, without risk of losing a significant level of business to other firms offering similar products. See id. at 3–4; see also 39 U.S.C. 3642(b).