

PACKAGE SUPPORT ANNEXES

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Recently, many mail handlers have seen Package Support Annexes open near their facilities. We had some discussions on these new facilities during the recent Semi-Annual Meeting of the Local Unions (SAMLU) in early August.

The Package Support Annexes are being established as support for the Postmaster General's 10-Year Plan to Achieve Financial Sustainability and Service Excellence — Delivering for America. You can read document by searching 10 Year Plan at <https://about.usps.com>

The Postal Service announced early this Spring that it intended to acquire 46 of these Package Support Annexes. The plan is for these annexes to be open for a period of at least two years. During this two-year period, they will be used to increase the Postal Service's package capacity during the regular year, as well as to support the additional packages that the Postal Service receives for the next two Peak Seasons.

In addition, the PSAs will create space for the modernization of the NDCs as they transition to Regional Distribution Center or RDCs. In the last Mech-Tech meeting at the National level in June, the Postal Service told the NPMHU about its plans to perform this NDC Redevelopment. Postal officials said that the project was to

redevelop the space and modernize the layout in many of the NDCs. This will include removal of unused conveyors and parcel sorting machines. Work will also involve extensive structural steel removal. The work was tentatively scheduled to begin in August 2021 at two locations, Atlanta NDC and Washington NDC, with other locations to follow in 2022. As the redevelopment work is being performed, different operations from the host NDC will be floated into the PSA to be worked until the project is finished.

Each of these PSAs will have a host facility. The host facilities for these 46 PSAs are: Atlanta NDC, Austin P&DC, Baltimore P&DC, Birmingham AL Annex, Boston P&DC, Central MA P&DC, Busse P&DC, Cincinnati NDC, Cleveland P&DC, Dallas NDC, Denver NDC, Des Moines NDC, Detroit NDC, Fayetteville P&DC, Fort Worth P&DC, Grand Rapids P&DC, Greensboro NDC, Harrisburg PA P&DC, Indianapolis P&DC, Jacksonville NDC, Kansas City NDC, Las Vegas P&DC, Lehigh Valley P&DC, Little Rock Annex, Los Angeles NDC, Memphis NDC, Mid Carolina P&DC, St Paul NDC, Nashville P&DC, New Jersey NDC, Norfolk P&DC, North Houston P&DC, Omaha P&DC, Philadelphia NDC, Pittsburgh NDC, Royal Palm P&DC, San Antonio P&DC, San Francisco NDC, Seattle NDC, Seminole P&DC, Shreveport P&DC,

Springfield NDC, St Louis NDC Annex, Washington NDC, Wichita P&DC and Ybor P&DC.

Employees for these annexes will come from the host plant. The number of employees needed, if bids will be created, the number of machines, tour hours, and similar matters will all be determined locally. We were told that not all of the PSAs will be 24/7 operations; some may only be 8 to 12 hour operations based on local needs. As part of the last MHA conversion MOU, host facilities were given 14 extra MHA conversions for help with the staffing of these PSAs.

Most of these PSAs will use several of the following types of equipment: Single Induction Package Sorter (SIPS), Flexible Rover Sorter (FRS), Manual Scanning Appliance (MSA), Scan Where You Band (SWYB), Package Scanning System (PSS), Low-Cost Universal Sorter (LCUS), or Robust Universal Sorter (RBUS). Some of these are new types of equipment that are just now being deployed for use.

In addition to these PSAs, there will be approximately 40 to 45 Christmas Annexes opened for three or four months for Peak Season operations. We have not yet received notification of their locations.

If you have any questions, please ask your local union representative.

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