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Subject: National VER Authorities

This is an update of where we are with the upcoming implementation of the National VERs for craft and supervisory positions. We expect to have an OPM approval for the initial VER request for the clerks, mai handlers, SDO and SCS positions as early next week. We do not expect to receive the second OPM VER approval for Maintenance, Motor Vehicle, Carriers and Rural Carriers crafts until the end of July.

Some of you have asked for the list of VER eligibles but because we have not established a firm VER effective date, these names will not be provided. For your planning purposes, we can provide raw numbers of VER eligibles by districts and by craft for the first group (clerks, mail handlers, supervisors) with a proposed VER effective date of December 31, 2008. These reports will be available to you by the middle of next week. The second group (MV, Maintenance, Carriers) will have a later VER effective date and this report will be provided the week of July 7th. Once we have established firm VER effective dates, we will provide the names of VER eligibles as a part of our normal process to implement VERs—timelines and guidelines.

In the meantime, we have started to develop preliminary plans for the implementation of the national VER, including discussions with HRSSC and Eagan as it relates to the massive volume of VER offer packages and annuity estimates that will be mailed. Labor Relations (Bill Jones and John Dockins) will coordinate national notifications and we plan to have a national Communication Plan (Maria Pell). A teleconference will be scheduled within the next two weeks to get your input and to discuss the preliminary plans for the implementation of the VERs.

Please contact us if you have questions.

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