



December 7, 2005



Mr. William Burrus
President
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Washington DC 20005-4304

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Dear Bill:

As a matter of general information, the Postal Service has received authorization from the U.S. Office of Personnel Management to conduct a voluntary early retirement (VER) authority for all career employees in the Louisiana and Mississippi Districts. This VER provides employees impacted by Hurricane Katrina an opportunity to retire early and creates reassignment opportunities for employees whose permanent assignment no longer exists. The duration of the VER authority runs from November 2, 2005 to December 31, 2006.

Accordingly, the VER will be offered to employees as follows:

- Louisiana District: All career employees with maximum allowable VERs to be determined.
- Mississippi District: All career employees in zip code area 395 with maximum allowable VERs to be determined.

If you have any questions or concerns related to this matter, please contact Patrick Devine at (202) 268-5421.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John W. Dodkins".

John W. Dodkins
Manager
Contract Administration (APWU)