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## **Focus on Business and Let Your Desktop Deliver** *Save Time and Money with the Postal Service's Online Shipping*

WASHINGTON — Almost anything customers can do at the Post Office, they can do online at *usps.com* — from the convenience of their home or office. The U.S. Postal Service's website, *usps.com*, lets customers skip the trip to the Post Office and conduct Postal Service business with the click of a mouse.

More than 1.2 million people visit the website every day, making it one of the most-visited government websites. Starting today, Post Offices across the country are hosting free demonstrations for consumers and businesses through March 27 as part of "*usps.com* Week."

"The Postal Service wants customers to know that they don't have to go to the Post Office to ship a package," said Susan Plonkey, vice president, sales. "Our website, *usps.com*, makes it easy to request free package pickup or print a shipping label, at a time and place that is convenient for them."

The Postal Service also offers discounts between 3 percent and 11 percent when customers ship online.

"And the Postal Service doesn't add any fuel surcharges or other hidden fees such as for residential or Saturday delivery — a real value for your money," said Plonkey.

*usps.com* offers nearly three dozen services and products for both consumers and businesses. Customers can:

- Pay postage and print shipping labels
- Request free package pickup
- Send shipments around the globe
- Order free, eco-friendly packaging supplies
- Track packages and confirm mail delivery
- Create direct mail
- Locate a PO Box

All customers need is an Internet connection, a home or office computer and a laser or inkjet printer. Labels can be printed on 8.5" by 11" paper and glued or taped securely to the package. For added convenience, customers can request a free package pickup for both domestic and international packages, up to 70 pounds, and the packages will be picked up during regular mail delivery the next day.

For one low price of \$14.75, the Postal Service also offers Pickup On Demand service for same-day or time-specific requests, regardless of the number of packages.

"We know that business isn't just 9 to 5, Monday through Friday," said Plonkey. "Visit *usps.com* and step into a 24-hour Post Office."

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An independent federal agency, the U.S. Postal Service is the only delivery service that reaches every address in the nation,

149 million residences, businesses and Post Office Boxes, six days a week. It has 34,000 retail locations and relies on the sale of postage, products and services, not tax dollars, to pay for operating expenses. Named the Most Trusted Government Agency five consecutive years by the Ponemon Institute, the Postal Service has annual revenue of \$75 billion and delivers nearly half the world's mail.

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