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PASSPORT FAIR

WHO: BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA POSTMASTER

WHEN: OCTOBER 6, 2007 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

WHERE: US POSTAL SERVICE MAIN OFFICE
25 THURMOND WAY
BLUFFTON, SC 29910-9998

WHAT: Effective December 31, 2006 Passports became required for all air and sea travel to or from Mexico, Canada, the Caribbean, Bermuda, and Central and South America. This requirement pertains to the Western Hemisphere Initiative issued by the U.S. Department of State.

STORY LINES: Those attending the Passport Fair will need to bring the following:

- Proof of American citizenship, such as an old passport, a certified birth certificate, or a certificate of citizenship or naturalization.
- One form of photo identification: such as a driver's license or state identification card.
- Passport Photo (Available on site for \$15.00).
- Passport Application (Available on site or at <http://www.usps.com/passport>)

If a minor child is applying for a passport, both parents need to be present. If one parent is not available to come to the Passport Fair, the appearing parent must present evidence of having sole legal custody of the child, notarized written consent of the other parent for the issuance of the passport, or a written statement explaining why the non-applying parent's consent cannot be obtained.

The following is important information on passport and processing fees payable by cash, money order, personal check, or credit/debit card:

Adult	
Includes	\$ 67.00 passport fee payable to U.S. Department of State \$ 30.00 application processing fee payable to Postmaster \$ 15.00 photo fee payable to Postmaster
Total:	\$112.00

Child	(Under 16 years)
Includes	\$ 52.00 passport fee payable to U.S. Department of State \$ 30.00 application processing fee payable to Postmaster \$ 15.00 photo fee payable to Postmaster
Total	\$ 97.00

Expedited Passport service to the Department of State via Express Mail is available for \$16.25.

For an additional \$76.25 fee the Department of State offers expedited handling and return shipment via Express Mail.

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