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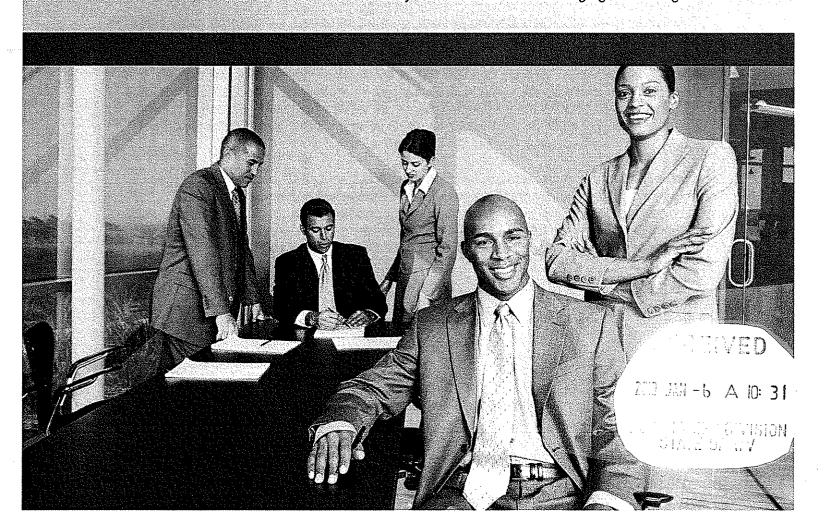
For: Flat Sorting System

January 4, 2010

WEST VIRGINIA OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY'S CENTRAL MAIL OFFICE

Submitted by:
BOB STERRETT

Account Executives
Pitney Bowes Document Messaging Technologies





January 4, 2010

Ms. Krista Ferrell State of West Virginia, IS&C 1900 Kanawha Blvd. Charleston, WV 25301

Dear Ms. Ferrell:

The West Virginia Office of Technology's Central Mail Office—like many public agencies—is looking for ways to lower overall costs. Presorting flat mail prior to USPS submission is an opportunity for significant postage savings (up to 50¢ per mailpiece), and with recent technology innovations, these savings are now achievable with relatively small volumes of flat mail. Pitney Bowes is pleased to respond to this Request for Quotation for a Flat Sorting System with a solution that is current, dynamic, flexible and right-sized for the WV Central Mail Office: our EZ-Flats Sorting System.

Until recently, the only option for mailers to earn discounts for their flat sized mail was large sorters that were designed to process tens of thousands of pieces of mail per day. These units typically occupy a sizeable footprint, at times in a facility or room of its own.

The Pitney Bowes EZ-Flats Sorting System, on the other hand, will fit comfortably in the WV Central Mail Office's existing space. The EZ-Flats system consists of cutting edge, ergonomic technology that is designed to sort flats, flat parcels and bound printed matter for postal discounts. There are huge discounts available in these categories that will provide a very attractive return on investment. After the payback period, which should be 12 to 16 months, the EZ-Flats System becomes a "money machine" generating huge cash savings on a daily basis. Another enormous benefit is that the EZ-Flats System is significantly less expensive than larger flats sorters.

Current and future customers are our most significant assets. Our focus is on process engineering, system integration and world-class software, hardware and support services. Combined with the development of our people's expertise, our leadership in the industry should give WV Central Mail Office confidence in making this investment and partnering with us. Please do not hesitate to call me with any questions, using 317.514.5135.

Sincerely,

Bob Sterrett Account Executive Pitney Bowes Document Messaging Technologies Copyright © 2010, Pitney Bowes Inc. All rights reserved.

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- 15. WEST VIRGINIA ALCOHOL & DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE ACT: If this Contract constitutes a public improvement construction contract as set forth in Article 1D, Chapter 21 of the West Virginia Code ("The West Virginia Alcohol and Drug-Free Workplace Act"), then the following language shall hereby become part of this Contract: "The contractor and its subcontractors shall implement and maintain a written drug-free workplace policy in compliance with the West Virginia Alcohol and Drug-Free Workplace Act, as set forth in Article 1D, Chapter 21 of the West Virginia Code. The contractor and its subcontractors shall provide a sworn statement in writing, under the penalties of perjury, that they maintain a valid drug-free work place policy in compliance with the West Virginia and Drug-Free Workplace Act. It is understood and agreed that this Contract shall be cancelled by the awarding authority if the Contractor: 1) Fails to implement its drug-free workplace policy; 2) Fails to provide information regarding implementation of the contractor's drug-free workplace policy at the request of the public authority; or 3) Provides to the public authority false information regarding the contractor's drug-free workplace policy."

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- 16. ANTITRUST: In submitting a bid to any agency for the State of West Virginia, the bidder offers and agrees that if the bid is accepted the bidder will convey, sell, assign or transfer to the State of West Virginia all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of action it may now or hereafter acquire under the antitrust laws of the United States and the State of West Virginia for price fixing and/or unreasonable restraints of trade relating to the particular commodities or services purchased or acquired by the State of West Virginia. Such assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the purchasing agency tenders the initial payment to the bidder.

I certify that this bid is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, limited liability company, partnership, or person or entity submitting a bid for the same material, supplies, equipment or services and is in all respects fair and without collusion or Fraud. I further certify that I am authorized to sign the certification on behalf of the bidder or this bid.

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West Virginia Code §5A-3-10a states: No contract or renewal of any contract may be awarded by the state or any of its political subdivisions to any vendor or prospective vendor when the vendor or prospective vendor or a related party to the vendor or prospective vendor is a debtor and the debt owed is an amount greater than one thousand dollars in the aggregate.

DEFINITIONS:

"Debt" means any assessment, premium, penalty, fine, tax or other amount of money owed to the state or any of its political subdivisions because of a judgment, fine, permit violation, license assessment, defaulted workers' compensation premium, penalty or other assessment presently delinquent or due and required to be paid to the state or any of its political subdivisions, including any interest or additional penalties accrued thereon.

"Debtor" means any individual, corporation, partnership, association, limited liability company or any other form or business association owing a debt to the state or any of its political subdivisions. "Political subdivision" means any county commission; municipality; county board of education; any instrumentality established by a county or municipality; any separate corporation or instrumentality established by one or more counties or municipalities, as permitted by law; or any public body charged by law with the performance of a government function or whose jurisdiction is coextensive with one or more counties or municipalities. "Related party" means a party, whether an individual, corporation, partnership, association, limited liability company or any other form or business association or other entity whatsoever, related to any vendor by blood, marriage, ownership or contract through which the party has a relationship of ownership or other interest with the vendor so that the party will actually or by effect receive or control a portion of the benefit, profit or other consideration from performance of a vendor contract with the party receiving an amount that meets or exceed five percent of the total contract amount.

EXCEPTION: The prohibition of this section does not apply where a vendor has contested any tax administered pursuant to chapter eleven of this code, workers' compensation premium, permit fee or environmental fee or assessment and the matter has not become final or where the vendor has entered into a payment plan or agreement and the vendor is not in default of any of the provisions of such plan or agreement.

Under penalty of law for false swearing (West Virginia Code §61-5-3), it is hereby certified that the vendor affirms and acknowledges the information in this affidavit and is in compliance with the requirements as stated.

WITNESS THE FOLLOWING SIGNATURE

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Q. Your existing equipment is currently being serviced by factory trained technicians located in the Charleston WV area. Does the State of WV IS&C require local factory trained technicians for maintenance of the flats sorter?

A. No

Q. You currently receive an average response time of four (4) hours or less in the maintenance of existing equipment. Does State of WV IS&C require a four (4) hour response time average for the flats sorter?

A. Yes, I think I should have specified a required response time for service on the bid. We will probably NOT be leasing the equipment and so the maintenance contract will be a separate PO.... What do you think? Should we add it to the RFQ?

Q. If leased does WV require a Fair Market Value Lease with a dollar buy out at the end of the term?

A. Yes

Q. If leased does the lease for State of WV IS&C have to include a non appropriations clause that allows the agreement to be cancelled if funds are not appropriated each new budget year without penalties?

A. Yes

Q. What is the average daily mail volume to be processed on the Flat sorter?

A. We anticipate about 1500 flats per day

Q. How many days per year is mail processed?

A. 5 days a week except for 13 state holidays per year

Q. Are there peaks in volume, what is the anticipated peak volume and frequency?

A. no

Q. Based on the requirement to sort each flat with one pass through the sorter, how many outputs (sort bins) does the State require on the sorter?

A. There is not a required number. The number of bins could vary depending on how the proposed system accomplishes the sorting. The proposed solution should include the number of bins required to effectively sort flats. The state may acquire more bins later if space becomes available and having more would improve the efficiency of the process.

Q. What is the purpose of the machine being equipped with a labeler?

A. If the proposed system generates labels to properly sort and process the flats, then the labeling process must be automated.

Q. Will the State accept a sorting system that exceeds the requirement of 200 sq. ft. or less?

- A. No. There is not enough room in our current facility for a larger system.
- Q. Will the incoming mail contain barcodes that can be used for sorting?
- A. Some will and some won't. We do not have control over the state's incoming mail.
- Q. Can the State provide a 208VAC 80 Amp drop in lieu of the two 110VAC standard outlets?
- A. Yes a larger circuit can be installed by the state although the vendor must supply the hardware (e.g wiring and receptacle) for it.
- Q. Regarding the requirement to include 1st years Maintenance in the bid, does the State want On-site maintenance or on-call maintenance, or simply 24/7 technical phone support? Please specify periods of coverage required and response time desired.
- A. On call Maintenance 9am-5pm M-F with 4 hour response time

1. Must scan and sort first class flats for maximum postage discounts, including automation, presorted and single piece discounts, using bundle-based processing as defined by the USPS.

The EZ-Flats Sorting Solution complies with this requirement as it processes the mail using 10 piece bundled based manifesting allowing the State to get to the deepest USPS discounts without having to have the normal 90 piece minimum going to the same 3 and 5 digit zip code.

2. Must allow input of 6-digit cost-center by the operator for each batch.

The EZ-Flats Sorting Solution complies with this requirement as an operator can account for the 6 digit account number and enter it into the system in several different ways. The operator can use the hand scanner and scan a card with the corresponding cost center number thus eliminating any human errors, or have the cost center numbers loaded in the system and simply select from a "pull-down", or enter the number via the keyboard.

3. Must allow for mixed-weight flats.

The EZ-Flats Sorting Solution complies with this requirement as it comes with an in-line scale. As the operator places a piece on the scale, the camera is activated and the mail is then sent down the line to have the permit label applied. The system can accept mail up to 2.5 inches in thickness.

4. Must sort each flat with one pass through the sorter.

The EZ-Flats Sorting Solution complies with requirement. This is a major differentiator for EZ-Flats whereby the operator needs to send the mailpiece through the sorter only one time creating the manifest report and dynamic tags. Operators perform the fine sort as instructed by the tags printed. The Finalization software provides all of the necessary direction to complete the mail for USPS submission.

5. Must apply postage permit imprint to each flat as it is sorted.

The EZ-Flats Sorting Solution complies with this requirement as part of the EZ-Flats workflow employs a Weber Printer that "blows" a thermal label onto each piece. This label contains a wide array of information and meets all USPS requirements.

6. Must electronically provide data for billing, including cost center, piece count, postage, date, time, operator ID, machine ID, and rate class, at a minimum. System must include media writing hardware if billing data is not provided directly through a network connection. Data can be provided real time or at operator's discretion.

The EZ-Flats Sorting Solution complies with nearly all of this requirement as it can scan the cost center number and via the reports, provide piece counts, date and time and tell what EZ-Flats unit the mail came from with the correct class of mail. At this time, we are not offering Operator ID as there is no operator log-in available. When this is developed it will be included as a version update. The way accounting information is transmitted is via disk transfer as the sorter includes a network connection, USB Port, and a CD Burner.

7. Must include an automated labeling process, sort bins, and a conveyor system to direct flats into sort bins.

The EZ-Flats Sorting Solution complies with this requirement as the quoted configuration will come with the base unit housing all of the operating software that drives the address reading, labeling, and sortation to the 2 bin sections which is a total of 8 bins. Out of the 8 bins, one is dedicated for rejects, one for the identification and placement of the 10th piece, and the other six are for the various zip "territories" that we will help define for you the most efficient sort scheme.

8. Must produce manifest and tray tags required by USPS to post presorted first class flats.

The EZ-Flats Sorting Solution complies with this requirement as part of the configuration includes the Finalization Software which produces all of the final tray tags needed for USPS mail submission.

 Agency does not currently submit manifests or presort mail directly to the USPS. Vendor must assist agency in meeting USPS requirements to qualify for and maintain manifest. The vendor will be required to insure that the manifest produced by the equipment will be acceptable to the USPS.

As part of the EZ-Flats Sorting Solution we will support your operation to ensure State of West Virginia IS&C understands and complies with requirements around creating and submitting a mailing for USPS acceptance. What is being included in this RFP response for install and training purposes is ample time to complete this step. Once the RFP is awarded, the State will need to perform some due diligence in gaining a Mailer's ID as well as be certified by the USPS plus some other items of which we will walk you through if we are the chosen vendor.

10. Must include all necessary software and hardware (e.g., server, monitor, printers, mouse, keyboard, scanner etc.) required to run the sorting system.

The EZ-Flats Sorting Solutions is equipped and complies with this requirement as the system we are providing will be completely "turn-key" and ready to use after install, training and USPS approval is completed.

11. Must have a footprint of 200 sq. ft. or less, including ancillary sorting bins.

The EZ-Flats Sorting Solution complies with this requirement and fits well within

allowed space requirement.

12. Must include any required ancillary sorting bins.

The EZ-Flats Sorting Solution complies with this requirement. The total solution includes 4 sort casing (20 pockets each) and 2 high density cases (30 pockets each). As your mail is run through the sortation process we will have a workflow designed to maximize the efficiencies of the manual sort bins.

13. Must be capable of field upgrades including adding sort pockets and rate categories and processing incoming mail.

The EZ-Flats Sorting Solution complies with this requirement. The proposed solution supports additional Mail Categories, incoming mail sortation as well as a modular design to expand as need requires. There are several various mail categories that can be added to the system and based upon need can be quoted. To process incoming mail would not require any changes to hardware but would require additional software.

14. Must include air compressor, if required for operation. Site does not have compressed air supply.

The EZ-Flats Sorting Solution complies with this requirement. The proposed solution is equipped with an air-compressor that meets all the EZ-Flats specifications.

15. Must include shipping and installation. This is to be included in the Year 1 price.

The EZ-Flats Sorting Solution complies with this requirement. The proposed solution includes shipping, installation and service support for the first year.

16. Must include on-site training for 4 employees until such time as all features are understood by the agency.

The EZ-Flats Sorting Solution complies with this requirement. As part of our solution offering we will train four (4) employees on how to operate the solution. What will be included with this onsite training is one day set for install and testing and two days for training. It is very important for the success of the training that test mail is available and that the personnel being trained are fully present and dedicated for the duration of the training.

17. Agency will supply up to two (2) standard 120vac outlets(s) if required. Agency will also supply one (1) dedicated 120vac 20a outlet if required. Agency will supply network cables or media if necessary for electronic transfer of billing data. Proposed solution must include any additional wiring or connections required. The vendor must provide all equipment and materials necessary. Installation of connections will be not be required under this contract.

The EZ-Flats Sorting Solution complies with this requirement.

Pricing Sheet

Please complete the below pricing sheet. It is strongly preferred that bidders use this form in lieu of submitting separate manufacturer or vendor quote forms.

	Total purchase price and maintenance cost	Total lease/purchase payments including maintenance (if option is available)
Year 1	\$134,741	\$ 53,064
Year 2	\$ 23,367	\$ 53,064
Year 3	\$ 24,030	\$ 53,064
Year 4	\$ 24,716	\$ 53,064
Year 5	\$ 25,273	\$ 53,064
Total 5 year Expense	\$232,127	\$265,320

Note:

1.) Year 1 price must include initial purchase price, shipping and installation, as well as the yearly maintenance cost for Year 1.

RFQ#: ISCK0068 Equipment List

Please attach manufacturer's literature (in the form of technical specification cut sheets, manufacturer's literature, documentation, brochures) which demonstrates adherance to the mandatory requirements stated in the specifications. Please provide (1) original Please complete the below information concerning the brand(s) of equipment being bid in relation to this project. copy plus (1) convenience copy.

Equipment	Manufacturer	Model	Literature Attached
EZ-Flats Sorting System with 8 Sort Bins	Pitney Bowes Inc.	EZ-Flats	brochure
(4) Ancillary Sorting Bins with 20 pockets			
(2) High Density Ancillary Sorting Bins with 30 pockets			
Additional wiring/connections required:			
Note: Additional wiring and connections equipment/parts must be included in the cost of your bid including shipping/handling. Installation is not required.	rour bid including shipping/han	dling. Installation is not r	equired.



I, Natalie E. Tennant, Secretary of State of the State of West Virginia, hereby certify that

PITNEY BOWES INC.

a corporation formed under the laws of Delaware filed an application to be registered as a foreign corporation authorizing it to transact business in West Virginia. The application was found to conform to law and a "Certificate of Authority" was issued by the West Virginia Secretary of State on January 2, 1957.

I further certify that the corporation has not been revoked by the State of West Virginia nor has a Certificate of Withdrawal been issued to the corporation by the West Virginia Secretary of State.

Accordingly, I hereby issue this

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia on this day of December 30, 2009

Secretary of State



Pitney Bowes EZ-Flats Sorting System

Low cost of entry for a new level for First Class Flats discounts

Pitney Bowes introduces the new EZ-Flats Sorting system that helps identify the largest postal discounts in a single pass and offers a quick return on investment.

Pitney Bowes EZ-Flats System helps expand postal discounts for mailers who process between 500 to 10,000 First Class flats per day. It is an ideal solution for fulfillment houses, direct mailers, commercial printers, transaction bureaus, corporate and enterprise mail rooms looking to stem the tide of regulatory price changes.

Discounts in one pass

EZ-Flats utilizes a unique software package that automatically scans and directs flats for the maximum discount in a single pass. There is no need for additional machine passes to drill down on savings—you simply scan the flat and sort it to its final destination.

Quick setup and operator friendly

Its compact footprint allows quick set up and go operation and it is ergonomically designed to yield high productivity for operators.

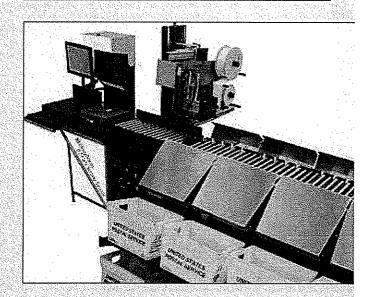
The system is extremely operator friendly in two ways: EZ-Flats operates in a consolidated work cell, centralizing operations to maximize productivity. In addition, training is quick and easy—on average, first time operators are up to speed and running the system within 15 minutes. This makes EZ-Flats an ideal solution for companies with flexible personnel requirements.

Mail piece integrity

As a semi-automated solution, the EZ-Flats system is designed to ensure flat mail integrity through territory designation assignments. The system outputs a unique mailing label featuring indicia, Intelligent Mail® Barcode, unique piece ID, endorsement and proprietary sorting codes for each mail piece. Labels are printed with clear territory locations allowing operators to clearly identify the correct destination bin for the mail piece. The system also creates a routing report which summarizes piece counts and package destinations for rapid containerization and labeling.

Pitney Bowes EZ-Flats System:

- Produces a bundle—or tray-based automated First Class mailing at only by a fraction of the cost of traditional flats sorting machines
- Manifest Mailing System (MMS) enables mixedweight flats to be mailed using a permit indicia
- Outputs a unique mailing label featuring indicia, IMB Barcode, unique piece ID, endorsement and proprietary sorting codes
- Tracks every mail piece to its maximum discount level for easy verification and billing
- Prepares the USPS® Manifest
- Efficiently organizes packaging and containerization per USPS® requirements
- Facilitates charge-backs to departmental cost centers
- Automatically produces USPS® Tray tags
- Produces manifest mailings for:
 - First Class Automation
 - First Class Non Auto Pre Sort
 - Standard Mail (Optional)
 - Bound Printed Matter (Optional)



Scan Technology for easy reads

Pitney Bowes EZ-Flats system uses an automated OCR-based front end with ergonomically designed Sorting Territories on the back end which are adjustable and expandable for any mailing situation.

The system utilizes industry-leading scanning technology (RAF and Parascript) to read both machine-print and handwritten pieces.

Accounting accuracy

EZ-Flats has a Manifest Mailing System that enables mixed weight flats to be sent with a printed permit. Mailers can quickly access billing documentation for complete chargeback detail by cost center even down to exact qualification level. This enables mailers to improve chargeback and accounting accuracy to assure postal expenses are thoroughly tracked and measured. The sorting system produces manifesting reports for First Class Automation, First Class Non Auto Presort and First Class Single Piece Rates. Standard Mail and Bound Printed Matter Flats rates are optionally available.

Mailers can manifest bundle or tray-based, flat-sized mailings. This assures that mailers can achieve the best degree of postal penetration and workshare discounts.

Mail piece flexibility

Pitney Bowes EZ-Flats System allows mailers to process a range of mail piece thicknesses. The system is not restricted by any mechanical specifications—run flats up to 3/4" thick. This capability allows the EZ-Flats System to optionally process mixed weight parcels.

Options to grow your business and discounts

Pitney Bowes EZ-Flats is modular and can be configured to your capital, space and workload requirements. Each system includes one or more workstations and Territory Sort Faces customized to your business needs.

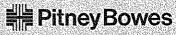
EZ-Flats Dynamic Sort

- Full processing system automates label printing and application with conveyor and applicator
- Patent-pending Dynamic Sort technology increases real time parallel processing for reduced sort and mail preparation time
- Automated sort bins expedite piece takeaway
- Sort bins expandable for quick kills
- Up to 2,000 flats per hour

For more information on Pitney Bowes EZ-Flats Sorting System, call us today at 877-536-2736 or visit us on the Web at www.pbdmt.com.

Pitney Bowes has the software, services and hardware for end-to-end mailstream solutions that integrate and optimize the flow of mail, documents and packages across a range of business operations.

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