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## UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

### INVITATION FOR COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSAL TO CLOSE THE EWA STATION, HI STATION AND CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SERVICE BY NEAR BY POST OFFICE

To the customers of the Ewa Station Station:

The Postal Service is considering the closure of the Ewa Station Station for reasons stated in the accompanying proposal.

During the 60-day posting period from 08/16/2013 through 10/17/2013 you are invited to provide written comments. Comments will be most helpful if they offer specific opinions and information favorable or unfavorable regarding the potential effect of the proposed change on postal services and on the community. Your comments will be carefully considered and will be incorporated into the official record, which will be made public if the proposal is finalized.

Copies of the proposal and optional comment forms are available upon request at the Ewa Station Station and Ewa Beach Post Office. If you choose to use the optional comment form and need additional space, please attach additional sheets of paper.

Please return the comment form to:

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For more information, you may call JANICE SHIMIZU at (808) 423-3958 or write to the above address.

Thank you for your assistance.



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## I. RESPONSIVENESS TO COMMUNITY POSTAL NEEDS

The Postal Service is proposing to close the Ewa Station at 91-1202 Renton Road, Ewa Beach, HI and provide delivery and retail services by near by Ewa Beach Main Post Office at 91-760 Papipi Road, Ewa Beach, HI located 3.4 miles away. The Ewa Beach MPO is the administrative post office for Ewa Station. Under the proposal the PO Box customers will retain their PO Box address and assume the fee schedule of the Ewa Beach MPO. The PO Box fees at Ewa Beach MPO are currently \$2 per year lower than Ewa Station for the smallest size box. The smallest size 1 box is \$78.00 at Ewa Station but only \$76.00 at Ewa Beach MPO. The customer will have the option of changing to an Ewa Beach PO Box address, keeping their Ewa Station PO Box address or changing to delivery of a street address.

The office is being studied for possible closing or consolidation due to the following reasons: Over the past several years, this office has experienced low or declining revenue and/or volume. There are a number of alternate sites within a short radius of this office that can provide the sale of stamps and the mailing of most package items. These sites include the Waipahu Main Post Office at 94-245 Leoku St., 3.3 miles away and the CPU Kapolei Shopping Ctr at 590 Farrington Hwy Unit 503, 3.8 miles away that provide full service. Businesses such as several CVS stores and Tesoro offer stamp booklets for sale.

The Post Office facility had severe building deficiencies that included: The Ewa Station facility has no known structural defects, safety hazards or security issues.

The Ewa Station Post Office provides retail service from 1200 to 1400 Monday through Friday and closed on Saturday.

The revenue trend for the office during the last several years is as follows:

FY 08 \$ 118,459  
FY 09 \$ 112,985  
FY 10 \$ 84,833  
FY 11 \$ 79,753  
FY 12 \$ 83,435.

On or about August 23, 2013, questionnaires were distributed to customers of the Ewa Station . Questionnaires were also available over the counter for retail customers at the Ewa Station .

On September 20, 2013, representatives from the Postal Service will be available at The Ewa Finance Station from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. to answer questions and provide information to customers.

If this proposal is implemented, delivery and retail services will be provided by the Ewa Beach Post Office. Window service hours at the Ewa Beach Post Office are from 900 to 1630, Monday through Friday, and 900 to 1200 on Saturday.

### Some advantages of the proposal are:

1. Stamps by Mail order forms are provided for customer convenience.
2. Customers opting for carrier service will have 24-hour access to their mail.
3. Savings for the Postal Service contribute in the long run to stable postage rates and savings for customers.
4. Customers opting for carrier service will not have to pay post office box fees.
5. Saves time and energy for customers who drive to the post office to pick up mail.

### Some disadvantages of the proposal are:

1. The loss of a retail outlet and a manager position in the community. Retail services may be provided by the rural or contract delivery carrier.
2. Potential of some to have to travel additional distance.
3. A change in the mailing address. A carrier route address will be assigned.

## II. EFFECT ON COMMUNITY

Ewa Station is an unincorporated community located in Honolulu County. The community is administered politically by City and County of Honolulu. Police protection is provided by the Honolulu Police Department, Kapolei Police Station. Fire protection is provided by the Honolulu Fire Department. The Ewa Villages community according to the 2010 census was comprised of 1442 households in a 1.13 square miles area. The 6108 population was comprised of 12.8% aged 65 years and over, 28% under 18 years, and 59% between 18 and 65 years. The population is made up of mostly commuters. The area was a plantation community devoted to sugar cane crops but has changed to a urban residential neighborhood made up of those who commute to work at nearby communities and those who work in local businesses.

Businesses and organizations include: Lualani Village Shopping Center, Safeway, Petco, City Mill, Panda Express, Jackson Hewitt-Tax Return Preparation, Genesis Pure Retail Sales and Home Business Opportunity, Waipahu Community School-Adult, Allstate Insurance Company, Kane International Corp., Paul Alpha Grant, H&R Block, Ofco Insurance Agency Inc., University of Phoenix - Kapolei Learning Center, Allstate Insurance Company - A Morinaka, Gakidoo's Computer Repair, Art Davidson & Assoc., Barrios Tax Accountant Svc., R&R Tax Acctg & Consltng Inc., Estate Planning Specialists, Honolulu Community Action Program Inc., JTL Tax Svc., Endo & Co., Asuncion Insurance, FMS Hawaii Inc., Bowers Kubota Consulting, Aloha Business Centers, Ohana Health Plan, Hawaii Business Investors Inc., Ewa Federal Credit Union, American Savings Bank, First Hawaiian Bank, Bank of Hawaii, Shell Station, Tasty Foods of Hawaii LTD., Foodland Super Market LTD., Coral Creek Golf Club, Zippy's, Starbucks Coffee, Taste of Hong KONG, Jamba Juice, Subway, Orange Tree Frozen Yogurt, The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, Genki Sushi USA Inc., L&L Drive-Inn, Aloha Sushi, Starbucks Coffee, McDonald's, Ramen-Ya Pearl City Inc., Jack in the Box, Pizza hut, Thai Lao Restaurant LLC., Chili's Grill & Bar, Taco Bell, Loco Moco Drive Inn, KFC, Sumo Ramen, Papa John's Pizza, Shiros Saimin Haven & Family Restaurant, 7-Eleven, Foodland Gas Station, Aloha Island Mart Kapolei Shell, Chevron Extra Mile, Hawaiian Railway Society, The Trinket Trove, Villages of Kapolei Assn., House-Faith Christian Mnstrs, Disabled American Veterans, Christ Embassy Hawaii, Tax Defense Network, Simmons Law Firm-Mesothelioma and Asbestos Attorneys, 1-800 Donate Cars, Domestic Violence Action Ctr., Child & Family Svc., Ohana Support Svc., Aloha Health Care Provider, Easter Seals, Goodwill Industries, Honolulu Community Action, Iroquois Lagoon Yacht Club, Social Service Div., Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, Family Services of Oahu, EHS West Oahu, Pact Parents & Child Together, Friends-Hawaii's Urban Forest, Nurses Just for Kids, Steadfast Housing, US Vets, Hawaii's Lefeguard & Water Sft.. Residents may travel to nearby communities for other supplies and services.

Nonpostal services provided at the Ewa Station will be available at the Ewa Beach Post Office. Government forms normally provided by the Post Office will also be available at the Ewa Beach Post Office or by contacting your local government agency.

The Ewa Station is not listed as a historic landmark. The community name will not be maintained for customer addressing, and the Zip Code is not expected to change.

Based on the information obtained in the course of this discontinuance study, the Postal Service concludes this proposal will not adversely affect the community and every effort will be made to maintain the identity.

### III. EFFECT ON EMPLOYEES

This unit is a retail annex and all employees are part of another installation and their work schedules will be adjusted to work at the parent facility.

### IV. ECONOMIC SAVINGS

The Postal Service estimates a ten year savings of \$ 477,676, assuming filling vacant management and craft positions at the median salary range with a breakdown as follows:

Building Maintenance	\$ 0
Utilities	\$ 0
Transportation	\$ 0
EAS Craft & Labor	\$ 607,164
Contracts	\$ 0
Rent	\$ 0
Relocation One-Time Cost	\$ 0
Total 10 yr Net Present Value (NPV)	\$ 477,676

### V. OTHER FACTORS

The Postal Service has identified no other factors for consideration.

### VI. SUMMARY

The Postal Service is proposing to close the Ewa Station, 91-1202 Renton Road, Ewa Beach, HI and provide delivery and retail services by near by post office Ewa Beach Post office, the administrative post Office, located 3.4 miles away at 91-760 Papipi Road, Ewa Beach, HI.

This unit is a retail annex and all employees are part of another installation and their work schedules will be adjusted to work at the parent facility. The mail volume has declined. Effective and regular service will continue to be provided by near by Ewa Beach Post Office.

The Ewa Station provided delivery and retail service to 252 PO Box or general delivery customers and no delivery route customers. Customers will retain their PO Box number and address.

Over the past several years, this office has experienced low or declining revenue and/or volume. There are also a number of alternate sites within a short radius of this office that can provide the sale of stamps and the mailing of most package items. The Postal Service is committed to providing the community with a maximum degree of effective and regular service. This can best be accomplished by consolidating our retail and delivery services and offering alternative solutions.

The Postal Service will save an estimated \$ 477,676 over the next ten years.



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