

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION  
OFFICE OF PURCHASING, TRAVEL AND FLEET MANAGEMENT

STATE CONTRACT AGREEMENT

CONTRACTOR: Pitney Bowes Inc.

STATE CONTRACT #: 8200081069

SUPPLIER #: 3102000890

SMART CONTRACT #: 1130-25-C-SWCT-00243

COMMODITIES COVERED: Mailing Equipment

EFFECTIVE: July 1, 2025  
through  
June 30, 2026

This State Contract Agreement is made this 3rd day of June 2025, between the Department of Finance and Administration, Office of Purchasing, Travel and Fleet Management for the State of Mississippi (hereinafter the "State") and Pitney Bowes (hereinafter the "Contractor").

SCOPE: The Contractor agrees to furnish the State its normal requirements of mailing equipment on a nonexclusive basis for a period of twelve (12) months beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, in accordance with all requirements in the *State of Mississippi Proposal Format and Guidelines For Mailing Equipment* and the Contractor's Proposal submitted on April 11, 2025.

Proposals for rental contracts will be considered. Vendors should submit proposed rental rates or monthly rental factors which will be applied to the purchase price to determine monthly or quarterly costs.

When entering into any rental of contract equipment under the jurisdiction of the Office of Purchasing and Travel, the Agency and Vendor must use the Rental Agreement For Use by Mississippi Departments and Vendors (applicable to equipment rental transactions) Revised Date: February 2017. THIS APPROVED RENTAL AGREEMENT IS THE ONLY AGREEMENT THAT SHALL BE PRESENTED TO A STATE GOVERNMENT ENTITY FOR RENTALS ON THE MAILING EQUIPMENT STATE CONTRACT. Any rental entered into which does not utilize our State Rental Agreement is in direct violation of the terms of the contract and shall be rendered null and void. Vendors and/or Authorized Distributors that are in violation of this requirement will be immediately removed from the state contract and may also be removed from the bidders list for a period of 24 months.

If a Vendor wishes to utilize third party financing of equipment rented to a state agency or governing authority, the Vendor must get prior approval from the Office of Purchasing, Travel and Fleet Management and provide a document which indicates that if the Vendor is unable to perform maintenance and equipment removal, then the financing source will be responsible for providing these services at no additional cost to the State. This document must be signed by a representative of the Vendor and of the finance source. If approved, this document must also be given to the using agency.

The Mississippi Office of Purchasing, Travel and Fleet Management will permit trade-in of equipment for credit when state agencies enter into a rental contract. However, all applicable credit must be extinguished prior to any payments being made by the agency. Contracts wherein that credit is spread out over the term of the contract will not be allowed.

Equipment and supplies that are not listed on the contract as approved by the Mississippi Office of Purchasing, Travel and Fleet Management should not be presented to using agencies as though it is included as part of the contract. This includes replacement or upgraded equipment for machines already listed on the contract. Replacement or upgraded equipment should be added to the contract during the amendment period, (see

Section XI. Amendments). Until these items are added to the contract, using agencies must purchase them using routine purchasing procedures (i.e., quotes, advertised bids, etc.).

**AUTHORIZED PURCHASERS:** The State, as referred to herein, enters into this State Contract Agreement for the benefit of all state agencies, boards, commissions, departments, institutions, counties, municipalities, school districts and other political subdivisions of the State of Mississippi. These entities are authorized to purchase from this Contract in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §§ 31-7-1, et seq., and the *Mississippi Procurement Manual*.

Purchase Orders prepared by these authorized purchasers shall include this State Contract Agreement Number referenced above.

**PRICE GUARANTEE:** The prices established herein shall prevail for the term of this Agreement, except in the event of a general market decline in prices of such commodities at any time during the period of this Contract, the Contractor agrees that the State of Mississippi shall receive full benefit of such decline.

The State Bureau of Financial Control shall not approve any account nor order and direct payment of any account for the purchase of any commodity covered by this Contract when the purchase price is in excess of the maximum price fixed in this Agreement.

**PRICE DATA:** The Contractor has furnished a price list for the new period for authorized purchasers. The State agrees to notify all authorized purchasers of the existence of this Contract and to give the specific instructions relative to the procedures to be followed in making purchases under the provisions hereof.

Entities making purchases over \$75,000 may consider obtaining two competitive quotes from the authorized dealers' list on this manufacturer's contract. If this manufacturer does not have a dealers' list, the manufacturer should be prepared to submit a quote.

**PAYMENT:** Payment for commodities or equipment purchased under the provisions of this Contract shall be made to the Contractor or to the authorized dealer making delivery in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §§ 31-7-301, et seq. (as amended). Such payment is to be made only upon receipt, by the authorized purchaser, of properly certified invoices, which are priced strictly in accordance with the pricing provisions of this Contract.

**PAYMENT TERMS:** Net Forty-five (45) days Without Penalty.

**QUANTITY TO BE PURCHASED:** It is understood and agreed that the Contractor is entering into this Agreement as a multiple source of supply without any guarantee from the State as to the quantity of the items covered by this Contract that might be ordered during the specified period.

**TRANSPORTATION TERMS:** All freight and shipping costs are the responsibility of the Contractor and are not reimbursable. All items must be transported F.O.B. Destination.

**INDEMNIFICATION:** To the fullest extent allowed by law, Contractor shall indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless, protect, and exonerate the State of Mississippi, its Commissioners, Board Members, officers, employees, agents, and representatives from and against all claims, demands, liabilities, suits, actions, damages, losses, and costs of every kind and nature whatsoever, including, without limitation, court costs, investigative fees and expenses, and attorneys' fees, arising out of or caused by Contractor's and/or its partners, principals, agents, employees, and/or subcontractors in the performance of or failure to perform this Agreement. In the State's sole discretion, Contractor may be allowed to control the defense of any such claim, suit, etc. In the event Contractor defends said claim, suit, etc., Contractor shall use legal counsel acceptable to the State; Contractor shall be solely liable for all reasonable costs and/or expenses associated with such defense and the State shall be entitled to participate in said defense. Contractor shall not settle any claim, suit, etc., without the State's concurrence, which the State shall not unreasonably withhold.

ASSIGNMENT: The Contractor shall not assign, subcontract or otherwise transfer in whole or in part, its right or obligations under this Agreement without prior written consent of the State. Any attempted assignment or transfer without said consent shall be void and of no effect.

CANCELLATION: It is agreed that either party may cancel this Agreement by giving thirty (30) days written notice prior to the effective date of cancellation. Contractor is advised that cancellation of this Agreement by the Contractor may result in disqualification from the awarding of future contracts with the State.

TAXES: No Federal Excise Tax or Mississippi Sales Tax will be added to or otherwise included in the prices submitted by the Contractor. The Contractor understands and agrees that the State and its authorized purchasers exempt from the payment of taxes.

PRECEDENCE: This Contract consists of this Agreement, the Proposal Format and Guidelines referenced herein above, and the Contractor's Proposal. Any ambiguities, conflicts, or questions of interpretation of this Contract shall be resolved by first reference to this Agreement and, if still unresolved, by reference to the Proposal Format and Guidelines, and, if still unresolved, by reference to the Contractor's Proposal.

ORDERING INFORMATION: Please place all orders under this agreement with an approved dealer/distributor from the attached list.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION  
FOR THE  
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

THIS MUST BE SIGNED BY AN OFFICIAL  
OF THE COMPANY

BY: Ashley Smith

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE OF PURCHASING, TRAVEL AND FLEET MANAGEMENT

TITLE: VP, State and Local Govt

DATE: 6/3/2025

DATE: 6/4/2025

## Postage

You may transfer funds to The Pitney Bowes Bank, Inc. (the “**Bank**”) for deposit into your Reserve Account that you maintain with the Bank (your “**Reserve Account**”) or you may transfer funds to the United States Postal Service (the “**USPS**”) through a lockbox bank (a “**Lockbox Bank**”). See the “USPS Acknowledgment of Deposit” below for more information. You will receive a set of more specific provisions for the Reserve Account during the application process. We may charge you a fee of up to \$15.00 for refilling your postage. After the Initial Term, we may increase postage refill fees upon 30 days prior written notice. If you participate in any PBI, PBGFS, or Bank postage advance programs (such as Purchase Power), we will advance payment on your behalf to the USPS, subject to repayment by you under the terms of the postage advance program and billed separately from your Meter Services fees. Your Reserve Account will be charged for the amount of postage, products and services acquired and the related fees. Unless prohibited by law, you agree to pay the fees of which the Bank has given you notice, including: (i) account service fees; (ii) inactivity fees; and (iii) fees attributable to the return of any checks or for failure of any direct debit transactions.

## Terms of Use of Meter; Federal Regulations

- (a) You may use the Meter solely for the purpose of processing your mail, provided that you are authorized by the USPS to use the Meter, and that you comply with (i) this Agreement, (ii) any operator guide and (iii) all USPS regulations. You agree to use only attachments or printing devices authorized by us. You must receive our written consent before moving the Equipment or Meter to a different location. Federal regulations require that we own the Meter. Tampering with or misusing the Meter is a violation of federal law. Activities of the USPS, including the payment of refunds for postage by the USPS to clients, will be made in accordance with the current Domestic Mail Manual. If (i) the Meter is used in any unlawful scheme, (ii) isn’t used for any consecutive 12 month period, (iii) you take the Meter or allow the Meter to be taken outside the United States without proper written permission of USPS Headquarters, (iv) you enter a series of unpaid or short-paid mail pieces and/or packages in the mail stream, (v) you offer, sell or allow the use of the shipping rates that we offer to you under this Agreement to or by any other party, (vi) you are in possession of a decertified system, or (vii) you otherwise fail to abide by the postal regulations and this Agreement regarding care and use of the Meter, then this Agreement and any related Meter Services agreement may be revoked. You acknowledge that any use of a Meter that fraudulently deprives the USPS of revenue can cause you to be subject to civil and criminal penalties applicable to fraud and/or false claims against the United States. The submission of a false or fraudulent statement can result in imprisonment of up to 5 years and fines of up to \$10,000 (18 U.S.C. 1001) and a civil penalty of up to \$5,000 plus an assessment of twice the amount falsely claimed (3 U.S.C. 3802). The mailing of matter bearing a fraudulent postage meter imprint is an example of a violation of these statutes. You are responsible for immediately reporting (within 72 hours or less) the theft or loss of the Meter to us. Failure to comply with this notification provision in a timely manner may result in the denial of refund of any funds remaining on the Meter at the time of loss or theft. You understand that the rules and regulations regarding the use of this Meter as documented in the Domestic Mail Manual may be updated from time to time by the USPS and it is your obligation to comply with any rules and regulations regarding its use.
- (b) You agree that you will not offer, sell or allow the use of the shipping rates that we offer to you under this Agreement to or by any other party.
- (c) **HAZMAT Requirement.** You acknowledge that the USPS has implemented standards and requirements for shipment of parcels containing hazardous materials, including Publication 52, New Mailing Standards for the Separation of Hazardous Materials (87 Federal Register 34197), as well as replacement or supplemental regulations, and you agree to comply with all rules and regulations implemented by the USPS relating to handling of shipments of parcels containing hazardous materials, including labeling, packaging, and separation in the tendering of parcels to the USPS.

- (d) USPS Privacy Act Statement. Your information will be used to facilitate the purchase of USPS postage and fulfill transactional reporting requirements for USPS postage systems. Collection is authorized by 39 U.S.C. 401, 403, and 404. Providing the information is voluntary, but if not provided, your transaction may not be processed. USPS does not disclose your information to third parties without your consent, except to facilitate the transaction, to act on your behalf or request, or as legally required. This includes the following limited circumstances: to a congressional office on your behalf; to financial entities regarding financial transaction issues; to a USPS auditor; to entities, including law enforcement, as required by law or in legal proceedings; and to contractors and other entities aiding us to fulfill the service (service providers). For more information regarding USPS privacy policies, visit [www.usps.com/privacypolicy](http://www.usps.com/privacypolicy).

### **Rate Updates and Soft-Guard® Program**

Your Meter or Equipment may require periodic rate updates that you will obtain under our Soft-Guard program. We will provide rate updates only if required due to a postal or carrier change in rate, service, ZIP Code™ or zone change. The Soft-Guard program doesn't cover any change in rates due to custom rate changes, new classes of carrier service, or a change in ZIP Code or zone due to equipment relocation. We won't be responsible for any losses arising out of or resulting from the failure of rating or software downloads to conform to published rates.

### **Collection of Information**

You authorize us to access and download information from your Meter or from your PC Postage account. We may disclose this information to the USPS or other authorized governmental entity. We won't share with any third parties (except the USPS or other governmental entity) individually identifiable information that we obtain about you in this manner unless required to by law or court order. We may elect to share aggregate data about our clients' postage usage with third parties.

### **Value Based Services**

Value based services are services the USPS provides, including e-Return Receipt and USPS Confirmation Services. Any fees the USPS charges for these services are your responsibility to pay for and are payable the same way that you pay for postage. The USPS is solely responsible for its services. We are not responsible for any malfunctions of any part of the communication link connecting the Meter with the USPS data system. We have the right to terminate the value-based services if the USPS discontinues offering the service or you breach your obligations under this Agreement and fail to cure the breach within thirty days after you have been notified in writing.

### **USPS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DEPOSIT**

#### **Acknowledgement of Deposit**

This section of the agreement provides you with the sections that the USPS requires we include in any agreement where we are providing Meter Services. The USPS requires that we use specific language. The "acknowledgement of deposit" terms are as follows:

- (a) In connection with your use of a Postage Evidencing System, you may transfer funds to the USPS through a Lockbox Bank for the purpose of prepayment of postage on Postage Evidencing Systems, generating evidence of postage (a "**Deposit**"), or you may transfer funds to the Bank for deposit into your Reserve Account.
- (b) To the extent you deposit funds in advance of the use of any evidence of postage, you may make Deposits in the Lockbox Bank account identified as "United States Postal Service CMRS-PB" or make deposits in your Reserve Account, in either case through electronic means, including Automated Clearinghouse Transfers. The USPS may, at its discretion, designate itself or a successor as recipient of Deposits made by you to the Lockbox Bank account described above.
- (c) Any deposit made by you in your Reserve Account is subject to the Reserve Account – Agreement and Disclosure Statement governing your Reserve Account.

- (d) Any Deposit made by you in the Lockbox Bank account shall be credited by the USPS only for the payment of evidence of postage. Such Deposits may be commingled with Deposits of other clients. You shall not receive or be entitled to any interest or other income earned on such Deposits.
- (e) The USPS will provide a refund to you for the remaining account balances of Deposits held by the USPS. These refunds are provided in accordance with the rules and regulations governing deposit of funds for evidence of postage, published in the CFR.
- (f) The Lockbox Bank, which shall collect funds on behalf of the USPS, shall provide PBI, on each business day, information as to the amount of each Deposit made to the USPS by you, so that PBI can update its records.
- (g) PBI may deposit funds on your behalf. The USPS will make no advances of funds to you. Any relationship concerning advances of funds is between you and PBI, PBGFS and/or the Bank.
- (h) You acknowledge that the terms of this Acknowledgement may be changed, modified, or revoked by the USPS, with appropriate notice.
- (i) Postal Regulations governing the deposit of funds are published in the CFR or its successor. You acknowledge that you shall be subject to all applicable rules, regulations, and orders of the USPS, including future changes to such rules, regulations, and orders, and such additional terms and conditions as may be determined in accordance with applicable law. The USPS rules, regulations, and orders shall prevail in the event of any conflict with any other terms and conditions applicable to any Deposit.

**USPS License Terms for use of the USPS Data (Last modified July 10, 2020)**

The following terms apply solely to your use of the United States Postal Service ("USPS") data that is provided under license to you from the licensor from which you receive the USPS data ("Licensor"). Absent a signed Agreement, your use of the USPS Data constitutes acceptance of the terms set forth herein. Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined have the meaning assigned to them in the Agreement. The terms and conditions set forth below supersede any conflicting terms and conditions in the Agreement.

- a) The delivery point validation (the "DPV® Product"), LACSLink® and SuiteLink® and any updates, materials, know-how, computer code, and technical information (hereinafter collectively, the "USPS Data") are confidential and proprietary to the USPS and shall remain the property of USPS. You shall maintain the USPS Data in strict confidence in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.
- b) You are prohibited from: (i) modifying, improving, correcting, or enhancing the USPS Data in any way; (ii) combining the USPS Data, or any portion thereof, with other information, data, software or the like to create any derivative product of the USPS Data; or (iii) make or reduce to practice any invention, idea or concept, whether patentable or not, on or relating to the USPS Data or any portion thereof without the prior written approval of USPS.
- c) You shall not: (i) use the USPS Data or any of its technology to compile a list of delivery points not already in your possession or to otherwise create a mailing list or portion thereof; (ii) rent, sell, distribute or otherwise provide any of your proprietary address lists, service products, or other system of records that contain address attributes derived or updated through the use of the USPS Data; or (iii) in addition to the foregoing, use SuiteLink for any purposes other than for improving business delivery addresses in multi-occupation buildings for use on letters, flats, postcards, packages, leaflets, magazines, advertisements, books and other printed material, and any other item that will be delivered by USPS.
- d) You are not permitted to export the USPS Data outside the United States or its territories.

- e) You agree and acknowledge that USPS retains all right, title and interest in the USPS Data, and all trademarks, trade dress, service marks, trade secrets, copyrights, patents and other intellectual property rights related thereto.
- f) The USPS shall be a third-party beneficiary with respect to the license to the USPS Data granted hereunder and thereby shall have the right to directly enforce against you the restrictions with respect to the USPS Data set out herein.
- g) NEITHER LICENSOR NOR THE USPS SHALL BE LIABLE FOR ANY DESIGN, PERFORMANCE OR OTHER FAULT OR INADEQUACY OF THE USPS DATA. This disclaimer is in addition to any other disclaimers of warranties set out in the Agreement.
- h) To satisfy USPS requirements THE DPV PRODUCT SHALL CONTAIN DISABLING DEVICE(S) DESIGNED TO PREVENT USE NOT PERMITTED BY THIS LICENSE. Licensor shall document all disabling devices to you. In the event you encounter the "Stop DPV Processing" function, you shall contact Licensor in order to restore DPV processing capability. Licensor shall immediately notify USPS of your name and address. At the sole discretion of the USPS, Licensor may not have the right to restore your DPV processing capability.
- i) Notwithstanding any provision set out in the Agreement regarding any limitation of liability, you shall promptly reimburse Licensor to the full amount of any damages or other claims that Licensor is required to pay, and shall otherwise hold Licensor harmless from demands, costs and damages paid to third parties, which are a result of your failure to comply with any of the obligations set out in these provisions.
- j) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary elsewhere in the Agreement or any applicable order, the USPS Data is not licensed on a perpetual basis and may only be licensed for the limited term set out in the applicable order. You may elect to renew your term license to the USPS Data to the extent Licensor continues to offer a license to the USPS Data, for an additional term upon payment of the applicable renewal fees. Licensor shall have the right to terminate your license to the USPS Data if (i) the USPS cancels Licensor's or its licensors' right to distribute the USPS Data, (ii) you are in breach of any of the foregoing provisions; or (iii) the Agreement or applicable order is terminated.