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1. 21st Century Post Service Expands - 6 new "city" offices
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UK Postbox has delivered yet again.... Now with addresses available in: Manchester, Birmingham, London, Cardiff, Poole, Belfast and Glasgow.

The company's exclusive premise has already changed the way many people in the UK view their postal mail. UK Postbox gives their customers the ability to manage their postal mail online, alongside their email and voicemail. Quickly, conveniently, and avoiding the stress that a visit to the post office can often bring!

Now, UK Postbox is excited to be enjoying a geographical expansion, furthering their services throughout the United Kingdom. With addresses now available in Manchester, Birmingham, London, Cardiff, Poole, Belfast and Glasgow, UK Postbox is now accessible to anyone who would like to reap the benefits of this unique service.

Individuals can now choose a location closer to their permanent home, and business can boost their image with a City 'office' - wherever in the country they're actually based. Imagine having a virtual address which you can access and manage your postal mail, ONLINE, whether you are on the train to London or lying on a beach in Thailand.

Owner of UK Postbox, Allan Chester said: "It really is fantastic to be expanding the company throughout the UK. We're now spread across seven different locations - each one a hub for the business world in its own right. It doesn't matter where our customers are - now almost everyone has the ability to take advantage of a UK Postbox account and change the way they handle their postal mail."

To find out more about UK Postbox's expansion and the benefits of a UK Postbox account, visit the website at: <http://www.ukpostbox.com>

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2. CEPU/Australia Post: Critical national/state meeting takes place

(3 April 2009): An important meeting occurred this week on FDD, bringing together national and state representatives from both the CEPU and management.

The talks were designed to get a sense of where this major change program is currently at and an understanding where it is headed.

The union has emphasised that while it appreciates why Post will want to change the way delivery operates through the greater use of sequencing, the union's priority is to promote quality jobs - that are full time, pay well and are safe.

We also expect Post to improve the way it consults about FDD - which Post has said it would like to do.

A more detailed union position regarding FDD is available by clicking [here](#).

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3. Postal Service 'adjusting to economy' with change

The Daily Siftings Herald
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The current economic downturn has affected every business in the country. When the nation's businesses experience a downturn, it directly affects the volume of mail. Economic decline leads to a decline in mail volume. The current year is particularly challenging since mail volume has declined significantly.

In order to remain economically viable, the Postal Service must make changes to its operations, staffing and facilities to match current mail volume and to maintain the service performance the American public has come to expect.

"We are moving quickly to adjust carrier routes to respond to the current state of the economy," said Postmaster Kathy Francis. "Our goal is to keep mail affordable and to provide excellent service to our customers."

An agreement signed recently with the National Association of letter carriers allows the Postal Service to move quickly to make these necessary changes.

While working to minimize any inconvenience from the changes, it is possible that mail delivery to some addresses will be at a different time than residents have grown accustomed.

Francis said Wednesday that rural-route and city carriers will be delivering mail about 45 minutes earlier.

The goal remains to preserve the ability to provide quality service at reasonable rates now and well in the future.

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4. Postal Service finishes negotiations with NALC

April 8th, 2009 | Postal Service | Posted by Gregg Carlstrom

I wrote yesterday about negotiations between the Postal Service and the National Association of Letter Carriers, which represents more than 214,000 city letter carriers.

The negotiations are finished; both sides just agreed on a deal that allows the Postal Service to rapidly adjust delivery routes for city carriers. About 90,000 routes will be reviewed this year; the changes could take effect as early as this summer.

The Postal Service reviewed about 70,000 city routes last year, and 2,400 of them were eliminated.

We'll have more details later today...

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