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**Introducing the New Global Forever stamp**  
*One Price for First-Class Mail International 1-Ounce Letters to  
Anywhere, Worldwide*



**WASHINGTON** — Today, the U.S. Postal Service introduced the *Global* Forever First-Class Mail International stamp. Priced at \$1.10 each and offered in a pane of 20, the *Global* stamp offers a single price for any First-Class Mail International 1-ounce letter to any country in the world. The *Global* stamp also may be used to mail a 2-ounce letter to Canada.

Customers may purchase the stamps at [usps.com/stamps](http://usps.com/stamps), by phone at 800-STAMP24 (800-782-6724) and at Post Offices nationwide.

The stamp showcases the beauty of planet Earth with an artistic rendering — a composite of images created from satellite and 3D computer technology data. In this image, the Atlantic Ocean is flanked by North and South America, Africa and parts of Europe. Art director William J. Gicker selected this depiction of Earth by Italian artist Leonello Calvetti. Greg Breeding designed the stamp.

Customers may view the *Global* Forever stamp, as well as many of this year's other stamps on Facebook at [facebook.com/USPSStamps](https://www.facebook.com/USPSStamps), on *Twitter* @USPSstamps or on the website *Beyond the Perf* at [beyondtheparf.com/2013-preview](http://beyondtheparf.com/2013-preview). *Beyond the Perf* is the Postal Service's site for information about upcoming stamp subjects, first-day-of-issue events and other philatelic news.

**Ordering First-Day-of-Issue Postmarks**

Customers have 60 days to obtain the first-day-of-issue postmark by mail. They may purchase new stamps at their local Post Office, at The Postal Store at [usps.com/stamps](http://usps.com/stamps), or by calling 800-STAMP-24. They should affix

the stamps to envelopes of their choice, address the envelopes (to themselves or others), and place them in a larger envelope addressed to:

*Global* Forever Stamp  
Postmaster  
421 Eighth Ave., Rm. 2029B  
New York, NY 10199-9998

After applying the first-day-of-issue postmark, the Postal Service will return the envelopes through the mail. There is no charge for the postmark. All orders must be postmarked by March 28, 2013.

### **Ordering First-Day Covers**

The Postal Service also offers first-day covers for new stamp issues and Postal Service stationery items post-marked with the official first-day-of-issue cancellation. Each item has an individual catalog number and is offered in the quarterly *USA Philatelic* catalog, online at [usps.com/stamps](http://usps.com/stamps), or by calling 800-782-6724. Customers may request a free catalog by calling 800-782-6724 or writing to:

U.S. Postal Service Catalog Request  
PO Box 219014  
Kansas City, MO 64121-9014

### **Philatelic Products**

There are seven philatelic products available for this stamp issue:

578806, Press Sheet with die cuts, \$88. (print quantity of 2,500).  
578808, Press Sheet without die cuts, \$88. (print quantity of 2,500).  
578810, Keepsake (Pane & Digital Color Postmark Set), \$24.95.  
578816, First-Day Cover, \$1.54.  
578821, Digital Color Postmark, \$2.25.  
578831, Stamp Deck Card, \$0.95.  
578832, Stamp Deck Card w/Digital Color Post-mark, \$2.60.

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For reporters interested in speaking with a regional Postal Service public relations professional, please go to <http://about.usps.com/news/media-contacts/usps-local-media-contacts.pdf>.

A self-supporting government enterprise, the U.S. Postal Service is the only delivery service that reaches every address in the nation, 151 million residences, businesses and Post Office Boxes. The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses, and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations. With 32,000 retail locations and the most frequently visited website in the federal government, *usps.com*, the Postal Service has annual revenue of more than \$65 billion and delivers nearly 40 percent of the world's mail. If it were a private sector company, the U.S. Postal Service would rank 35th in the 2011 Fortune 500. In 2011, the U.S. Postal Service was ranked number one in overall service performance, out of the top 20 wealthiest nations in the world, Oxford Strategic Consulting. *Black Enterprise* and *Hispanic Business* magazines ranked the Postal Service as a leader in workforce diversity. The Postal Service has been named the Most Trusted Government Agency for six years and the sixth Most Trusted Business in the nation by the Ponemon Institute.

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**Grand Rapids** — The Okemos Post Office is accepting applications for the position of a Rural Carrier Associate serving a regular route.

Persons interested should apply as soon as possible because this position application **closes on Sunday, July 28, 2013.**

If you, a family member, a neighbor, or a friend, are interested, go immediately to the USPS Careers site at [www.usps.com/employment](http://www.usps.com/employment) and click on **Careers** you will find job postings for Rural Carr Associate for the Okemos Post Office 48864.

**ALL** applicants must apply online at <http://www.usps.com/employment>. Click on 'Search Jobs' and apply, then insert RCA in the keywords section and Michigan for location. ALL applicants must apply online by the close of the job posting period — 11:59 p.m. CT on Sunday, July 28, 2013. Paper applications will not be accepted.

Applicants must have a valid state driver's license, a safe driving record, and at least two years of documented driving experience.

A Rural Carrier Associate cases, delivers, and collects mail along a prescribed rural route using a vehicle; provides customers on the route with a variety of services.

Candidates, except for individuals performing active military duty, will need to be present for screening activities, including an interview, in the facility location or vicinity.

The salary for a Rural Carrier Associate is \$15.87 an hour. The employee will be required to work Saturdays and weekdays as needed. May include Sundays and holidays. He/she must be available to work assigned tours, scheduled days and must be available to work on short notice.

A written exam will be required.

Qualified applicants must successfully pass a pre-employment drug screening to meet the U.S. Postal Service's requirement to be drug free. Applicants must also be a U.S. citizen or have permanent resident alien status.

**ATTENTION:** The Postal Service will communicate with candidates by email concerning applications, so it is very important that applicants are able to receive messages. It is vitally important that applicants add the following email addresses to their email contact list right away to allow correspondence, especially if they use SPAM blocking software, or use a Yahoo account, work or military email address:

[ecareerworkflow@usps.gov](mailto:ecareerworkflow@usps.gov)

[usps\\_support@panpowered.com](mailto:usps_support@panpowered.com)

Applicants must live within 50 miles of the facility address in order to be eligible for this position because the work is performed in the facility location and candidates will need to be present for screening activities, including an interview.

Note: Veterans who are entitled to veterans' preference and/or covered by the Veterans Employment Opportunity Act may apply for any posted position.

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