

Commission Initiates Public Outreach on Universal Postal Service Study

The United States Post Office should be the only agent delivering mail to mailboxes. The reason for this is to insure its mission as per the Constitution. The *United States Postal Service* was created in Philadelphia by Benjamin Franklin on July 26, 1775 by decree of the Second Continental Congress. Based on the Postal Clause in Article One of the United States Constitution, empowering Congress "To establish post offices and post roads," it became the Post Office Department in 1792. The other is to insure that mail is delivered no matter what events or circumstances are involved which private businesses wont or will not do. If private carriers are allowed to compete, then the Post Office would not be able to deliver mail to every American at the same price. The monopoly was created by Congress as a revenue protection measure for the Postal Service's predecessor to enable it to fulfill its mission. It is to prevent private competitors from engaging in an activity known as "cream-skimming," i.e., offering service on low-cost routes at prices below those of the Postal Service while leaving the Service with high-cost routes. The law that prohibits anyone except the USPS from placing mail in a private mailbox ([18 U.S.C. § 1725](#)), was also passed for the purpose of preventing loss of revenue to the post office.