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SEMINAR AND WORKSHOP ON PROFESSOR ROBERTS'
LABOR DEMAND MODEL
(May 31, 2002)

The Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) hereby announces that it will hold a seminar and workshop on Thursday, June 20, 2002, for the purpose of presenting and explaining a study of the volume variability of labor in mail processing plants performed by Mark Roberts, a professor of economics at Penn State University. Below is the schedule for two sessions to be held on June 20.

Seminar from 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (PRC Hearing Room)

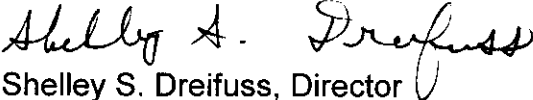
The purpose of the seminar is to have Professor Roberts explain the development of his labor demand model and present the study results. Professor Roberts will take questions of a general nature during this session. The session is open to the public and will be broadcast over the internet.

Workshop from 12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m. (PRC Hearing Room)

The workshop is for the purpose of addressing technical questions concerning the development and operation of the model. This session is aimed primarily at individuals with technical expertise in econometrics and like fields. Observers are welcome, but OCA hopes to entertain questions of a technical nature in this session. This session will be informal and will not be broadcast over the internet, however, an attempt will be made to create an audio recording for future reference. If the session is recorded successfully, then the audio file will be placed on the OCA section of the PRC website.

Please direct further questions about the sessions to Rand Costich at 202-789-6833.

Respectfully submitted,


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