

USPS to purchase 66,000 electric vehicles by 2028

On Dec. 20, the Postal Service announced its plan to purchase 66,000 electric delivery vehicles starting now and lasting until 2028. The agency will acquire a total of 106,000 delivery vehicles, replacing nearly half of its 220,000 vehicle fleet.

The 60,000 Next Generation Delivery Vehicles (NGDV) to be purchased from U.S. defense contractor Oshkosh include

45,000 electric NGDVs—meaning that 75 percent of the NGDVs will be electric. That figure is notably higher than the 10 percent that the Postal Service had previously announced in February of 2022. The agency also announced on Dec. 20 that 100 percent of NGDVs purchased after 2028 are expected to be electric.

The remaining 46,000 will be commercial off-the-shelf vehicles. The

Postal Service will prioritize domestic manufacturing with these purchases, and at least 21,000 of these vehicles will be electric.

All new vehicles, regardless of electrification, will include air conditioning and advanced safety technology.

The Postal Service will invest \$9.6 billion, including \$3 billion from the Inflation Reduction Act, in these vehicles.

“NALC is pleased that the Postal Service is leading the way in electrifying the federal vehicle fleet,” NALC President Brian L. Renfroe said. “With these delivery vehicles, letter carriers will deliver in much-needed safer and more reliable vehicles, while the Postal Service lowers its carbon footprint.”

President Renfroe attended an announcement event at Postal Service Headquarters in Washington, DC, on Dec. 20. Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, Senior Advisor to the President for Clean Energy Innovation and Implementation John Podesta, Chairwoman of the White House Council on Environmental Quality Brenda Mallory, and Assistant to the President and National Climate Advisor Ali Zaidi delivered remarks. **PR**



Above: NALC President Brian L. Renfroe (seated) and USPS Governor Daniel Tangherlini are photographed with a Next Generation Delivery Vehicle at the announcement.

Right: Renfroe with Senior Advisor to the President for Clean Energy Innovation and Implementation John Podesta

