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## Key Dates Relating to Contractual Matters 1851-1861

### Contract or Modification

Precipitating Event or Catalyst	Date of Precipitating Event	Bid(s) Requested	Proposal(s) submitted	Acceptance of Bid	Contract Signed	Effective Date of Contract	Earliest Date that Change Might be Seen by Public (if applicable)	Earliest Known Use (EKU) (if Applicable)	Expiration Date of Contract
<b>1851 Contract for Postage Stamps</b> Catalyst: Act of 3/3/51 to Reduce and Modify Rates of Postage in the United States	03/03/51	03/08/51	04/20/51	04/23/51	06/10/51	06/10/51	07/01/51	07/01/51	06/10/57
<b>1852 Contract for Stamped Envelopes</b> Catalyst: Act of 8/31/52 Providing for Stamped Envelopes	08/31/52	09/15/52	10/05/52	10/07/52	10/25/52	10/25/52	06/28/53	07/06/53	06/10/57
<b>Modification to the 1851 Contract for Postage Stamps - presorting of stamps into envelopes.</b> Catalyst: Decision to create the Stamp Agency in Philadelphia	5/18/55	Prior to 03/31/55	04/24/55	Prior to 05/26/55	05/29/55	05/29/55	NA	NA	06/10/57
<b>Modification to the 1851 Contract for Postage Stamps - perforation of postage stamps.</b> Catalyst: Based on Presidential election results (11/4/56) it was known that incumbent PMG Campbell would be out of office by 3/5/57. Unless steps were taken, TCC would not be reimbursed for equipment and expense incurred to perforate postage stamps.	11/04/56		11/05/56	02/06/57	02/08/57	02/08/57	02/27/57	02/28/57	06/10/57
<b>1857 Contract for Postage Stamps</b> Catalyst: Anticipated expiration on 6/10/57 of the 1851 Contract for Postage Stamps	06/10/57	03/18/57 or earlier	04/06/57	04/08/57	04/08/57	06/10/57	[Date unknown, but corresponds to point at which TCC had three perforating machines in full operation.]	07/06/57	06/10/61 [Deliveries continued without a contract till 8/15/61]

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**1861 Contract for Postage Stamps**

Catalyst: Anticipated expiration on 6/10/61 of the 1857 Contract for Postage Stamps	06/10/61	03/27/61	04/30/61	05/10/61	11/05/61 (but dated 11/01/61)	08/15/61	08/16/61	08/16/61	08/15/67
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