



## Frequently Asked Questions 19-07

***Q: I have a single-day training event and no other award(s) on my N-PBS schedule, what happened?***

**A:** In most cases this is due to the fact that a pilots training event in conjunction with only being able to hold a Reserve Line caused the situation. The root cause has to do with N-PBS reserve award logic requiring a full 18 working days to compete the line. The four day off CBA requirement, in combination with the training event and any work days at the end of the previous month, does not allow a mathematical possibility to award 18 working days. Thus, N-PBS leaves the line blank and proceeds to the next bidder.

This issue will be rectified in a further release of N-PBS. In the interim, any affected pilot should refer to paragraph 70 and 71 of the PBS MOU to ensure the correct construction of their schedule.

***Q: I was awarded a RAP greater than R10 (R11-R23) with a six-day block of reserve, how many RAPs do I actually have?***

**A:** In this case the pilot will only have five RAPs spanning over the six-day block of reserve days. The final RAP will end on the morning of day six.

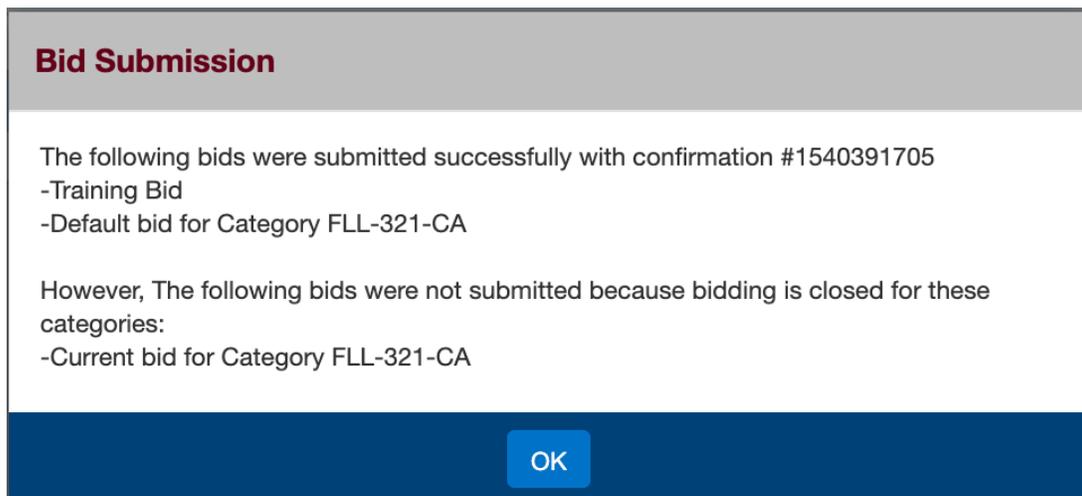
***Q: For the August Bid Month, I was senior on Reserve; however, I didn't get many of my day off requests. What happened?***

**A:** The August bid month created challenges in specific positions (ex. DFW CA) with regard to reserve coverage in relation to the number of open duty periods on a given day. This led to a large number of coverage awards (unstacking) on reserve pilots. The PBS MOU only provides unstacking protections to regular line holders. That being said, when a pilot is considering their bid strategy in a month containing a high volume of flying, it may be worth being a more junior line holder than a senior reserve pilot.

*Q: I used a “Set Condition” bid statement to waive my contractual four days off down to three, and the N-PBS Reasons Report calls the condition honored; however, I don’t have the schedule I thought I would. Why?*

A: N-PBS describes a Set Condition as something about your block, by setting a global condition of some type, such as maximum or minimum credit or patterns of days on or off. The reason the Set Condition says honored in the Reasons Report is that the system was able to award a MINIMUM of 3 days off between blocks of working days. **The only way to waive CBA minimum days off is to utilize the “Waive” instruction in the N-PBS bid preference editor.**

*Q: I attempted to submit a training bid; however, I get the below message. Why can’t I submit it, the window is open, and I am due training?*



A: This is normal, and your Training bid sheet **WAS** submitted successfully.

N-PBS has three bid sheets: Current, Default, and Training. The Current and Default bid sheets are used to bid for monthly schedules, while the Training bid sheet is used to bid for recurrent training. When you click “Submit”, you are attempting to submit ALL THREE bid sheets. Reading this message carefully indicates that the system was able to accept the pilots’ Training and Default bids, and this is shown by the confirmation number pertaining to the Default and Training bids. However, since the bid period for monthly schedules is currently closed, N-PBS is unable to accept the Current bid sheet.