



PBS Mock Bidding

Yesterday we completed in domicile training. We are still in the process of calculating attendance, but in general we are incredibly pleased at the level of participation. The entire training group thanks you all for taking the time to visit us and learn our new system.

As mentioned last week, today will begin the first of three rounds of mock bids. As with domicile training, participation in the mock bids is **ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL** to becoming proficient with our new bidding system.

In all three mock bid rounds we will take what we learned last week and apply our bids to a more realistic mock bid that has been set up by the Crew Planning department and JPWG in the same manner as we will see when N-PBS goes live. The Bidder Information section of the Info Tab will be populated with all data necessary and will be viewable by each bidder. All three bids will use February data and seniority. In doing so, you are able to make bid changes from one bid to the next but still be working in the same month. The changes you see in your awards will be a result of the changes you make to your bid, and not because we have changed the pairing set or your seniority from one bid to the next.

Each bid will span a total of 8 calendar days, and the 8 days are divided up as follows:

Day 1: Mock Bid Opens at 12:00 EST
Day 4: Mock Bid Closes at 12:00 EST
Day 5: Mock Bid Awards by 17:00 EST
Days 6-8: Review and Q & A Period
End of Day 8: Awards Unpublished

Applying this to the calendar, we get the following mock bidding schedule:

MOCK BID 1

January 21: Mock Bid 1 Opens at 12:00 EST
January 24: Mock Bid 1 Closes at 12:00 EST
January 25: Mock Bid 1 Awards by 17:00 EST
January 26-28: Mock Bid 1 Review and Q & A Period
January 28: Mock Bid 1 Awards Unpublished at 17:00 EST

MOCK BID 2

January 29: Mock Bid 2 Opens at 12:00 EST
February 1: Mock Bid 2 Closes at 12:00 EST
February 2: Mock Bid 2 Awards by 17:00 EST
February 3-5: Mock Bid 2 Review and Q & A Period
February 5: Mock Bid 2 Awards Unpublished at 17:00 EST

MOCK BID 3

February 6: Mock Bid 3 Opens at 12:00 EST
February 9: Mock Bid 3 Closes at 12:00 EST
February 10: Mock Bid Awards by 17:00 EST
February 11-13: Mock Bid 3 Review and Q & A Period
February 13: Mock Bid 3 Awards Unpublished at 17:00 EST

We ask that you use the three-day review period to look at your award and Reasons Report. If your result is satisfactory and as expected, you can use the same bid for the next round. If, however, you feel your results do not match your expectations, we ask you contact the PBS Trainers. We can work with you during this three-day review period to fine tune your bid and hopefully improve your results.

Individually, at the end of the third mock bid, each pilot should have a solid understanding of what bid statements work best to achieve your desired line award. As always, the PBS Trainers are ready to help in any way we can. Please contact us at SPAPBSHelp@alpa.org with any bidding questions. Also, as a reminder, the PBS Resource website, located within spirit.alpa.org, has numerous training materials that are available for download.

All PBS implementation questions should be directed to the JPWG at SPAJPWG@alpa.org.