

Unleashing the power of the Intelligent Mail® Barcode

## Agenda

- Key Dates
- Importance / Value
- Building an IM® BC Program
- Unleashing the Power
- Implementation

# Key Dates for Intelligent Mail® Don't run out of time

### January 27, 2013

- Intelligent Mail® barcode (IM® BC) required for automation letters and flats and Qualified Business Reply Mail (QBRM) price eligibility
- Individual piece IM<sup>®</sup> BC required

### January, 2014

- Full Service Intelligent Mail<sup>®</sup> compliance
- Unique IM<sup>®</sup> BC for mailpieces and handling
- Electronic submission of postal documentation
- Electronic scheduling of drop shipments



## Intelligent Mail® Compliance

### **Benefits**

- Continued automation discounts
- Enabler for increased visibility of mail delivery
- Required for participation in future USPS incentives\*

### **Threats**

- January 2013 compliance date
- Electronic documentation will be required by January 2014
- Free tracking is not tied to the business data

### **ROI**

- Lower postage costs
- Ability to participate in future incentives
- Increased visibility of mail delivery

<sup>\*</sup> Requires submission of electronic documentation



## **Building an IM® BC Program**

- 1. Technology Decisions Drive Implementation
- 2. Requirements Drive Technology Decisions
- 3. Business Values Drive Requirements
- 4. Determine Business Values

### We've Got You Covered!

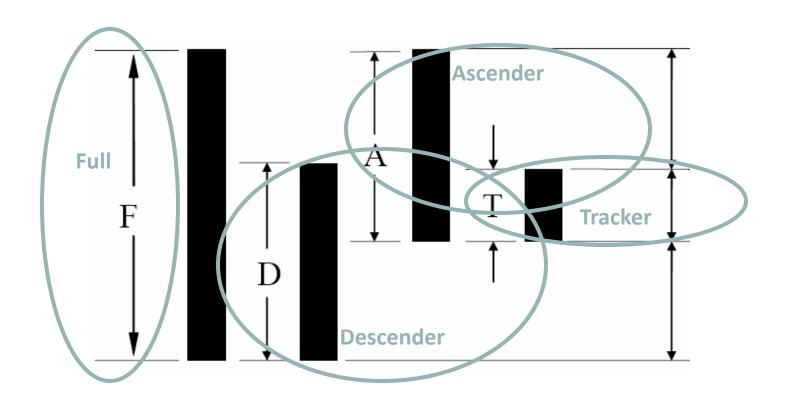
- 1. If your company does not have IM® BC in place today. Outsourcers like PB Presort can apply the IM® BC to get you compliant.
- 2. OR, PB Consulting Services can work with you to implement to a platform that matches to the company's strategy to use IM® BC data to drive decisions.

# Getting Started Know the Components, Options, and Process

- Physical Characteristics
- Components & Options
  - Basic vs. Full Service
  - Services
    - Address Correction Service (ACS<sup>™</sup>) 3 options
    - Track & Trace
- Process:
  - MID's, CRID's, Business Customer Gateway, TEM, eDoc...
- Important Site:

https://ribbs.usps.gov/index.cfm?page=intelligentmail

## **Intelligent Mail® Barcode Symbology**



### **Barcode Placement**

### Letters

- Address block
  - Above or below address
- Lower right corner

### **Flats**

- One barcode permitted
- 1/8" from any edge

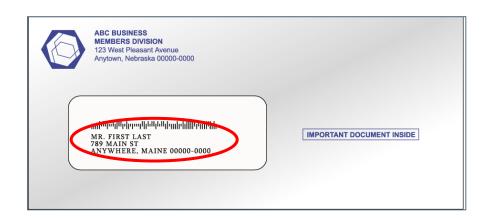
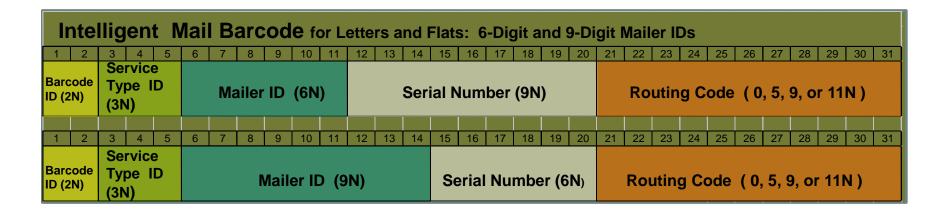




Illustration Source: USPS® IM™BCBasicOption.ppt

## Components



- The Intelligent Mail® barcode for mailpieces is a 5 field, maximum 31-digit string that converts into 65 bars of 4 different heights.
- Unlike the POSTNET™ barcode the IM® BC is <u>always</u> 65 bars, regardless of ZIP Code™ length, and does not require a check-digit (correction character) or frame bars.



## **Current Intelligent Mail® Requirements**

## Intelligent Mail®: Basic and Full-Service Programs

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	Basic Program	Full-Service Program				
IM <sup>®</sup> BC on each mailpiece (Letters & Flats) (First-Class™, Standard, Periodicals)	Required	Required				
IM® BC on each handling unit (Sacks & Trays)	Optional	Required				
IM® BC on each container (Pallets)	Optional	Required				
IM® BC uniqueness	None	Required				
Electronic submission of Postal Statements	Optional	Required				
Online scheduling of Drop Shipment appointments	Optional	Required				

## **Current Intelligent Mail® Service Options**

Intelligent Mail®: Basic and Full-Service Programs						
	Basic Program	Full-Service Program				
No Services	<b>✓</b>					
IMb Tracing <sup>™</sup>	<b>✓</b>					
Full Service ACS <sup>TM</sup>	X	<b>✓</b>				
OneCode ACS®	<b>✓</b>	X				
Traditional ACS™	<b>✓</b>					
Manual Corrections / Notices	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>				

## Unleashing the Power of the IM® BC

- Identify mailstream objectives
  - Automation incentives
  - Address Quality, i.e., OneCode ACS® / Full-Service ACS™
  - Tracking, i.e., IMb Tracing™ service

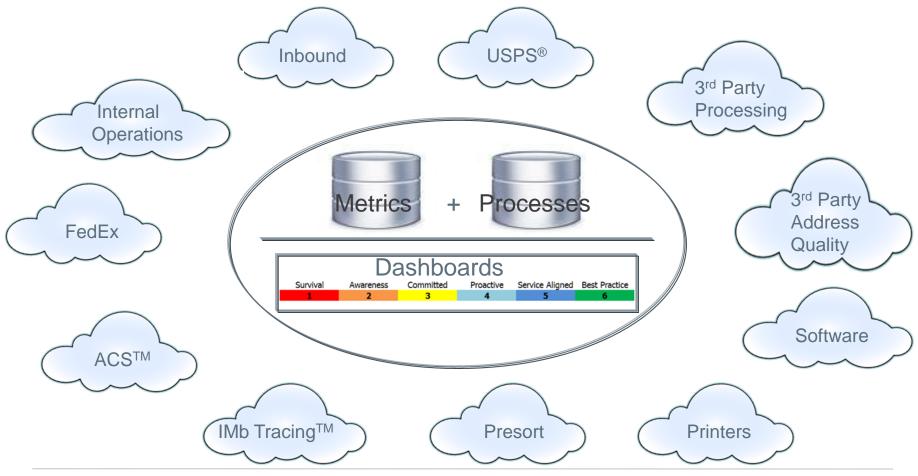
Match objectives to addressing and IMb Tracing<sup>™</sup> solution(s)

## **Business Needs**

	Data Required										
Group	Application	IMB Data	Confirm	Delivery Predict	ACS	Job #	Name	Acct #	Doc Data	Remit IMBC	Remit
	Discounts	✓									
MAIL	Job Tracking	✓	✓			✓					
	Job Delivery	✓	✓			✓					
мктс	Campaign Mgmt	✓	✓		✓	✓					
	Call Center Plan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
SVS	Piece Queries	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
LEGAL	<b>Proof of Mailing</b>	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓		
FIN	Cash Flow	✓	✓						✓	✓	✓
	Collections	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
BUS	Cancellations	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	
	<b>UAA</b> reduction	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓		

## Intelligent Mail®: Get a Holistic View

- Monitor how each operation is performing (meeting SLA's)
- Compare performance between mailing operations (find Best Practices)



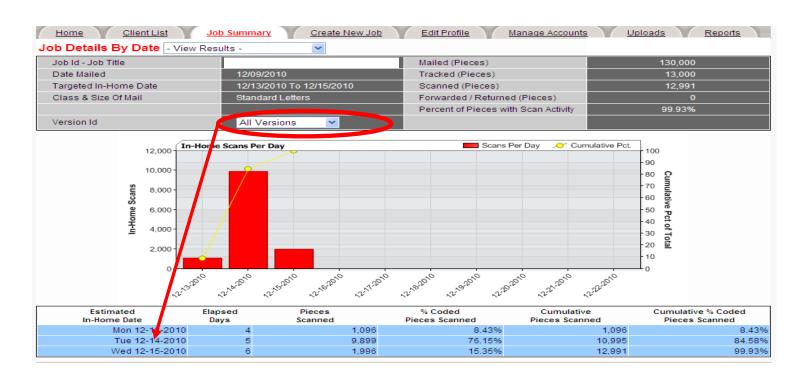
# How can tracking data be beneficial to business?

- In-home delivery projections
- Staffing
- Multi-channel marketing
- Postage savings

- Revenue anticipation
- Critical mail alerts
- Segmentation Analysis

## Use tracking data to project in-home delivery dates

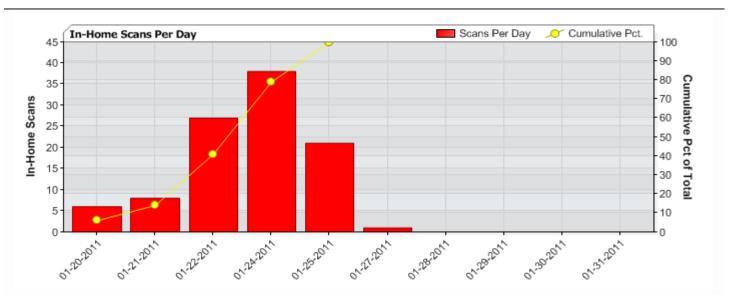
 Compare targeted in-home dates to actual in-home dates provided by confirm scans.



Sample shown is Trackmymail® "Job Details By Date"

## Use tracking data to enable postage savings

- Mailing First-Class<sup>™</sup> because it's more dependable?
- Yes, Standard Mail® takes longer to get delivered- but smart mailers are saving by using tracking data to better plan mail dates and monitor delivery.



Graph is from is Trackmymail® "Job Details by Date" report

# Use tracking data to manage multi channel marketing

Coordinate other multi-channel activities such as mobile messaging and emails based upon projected in-home dates.

Name	Address	City	St	DestZip	Account Number	Projected In-HomeDate
Bob Smith	2424 Smith Way	Minneapolis	MN	55427634646	123456	02-01-2011
Walter Chandler	5643 Oxford Dr	Crystal	MN	55428512310	456754	02-01-2011
Mark Jones	6742 Barker St.	Minneapolis	MN	55435563053	423643	02-01-2011
Scott Brown	3245 West Ave	Rochester	MN	55901010504	675642	02-01-2011
Mary Bell	7542 Orange St	Rochester	MN	55901582822	645242	02-01-2011
Joseph Tuttle	8643 Blake Rd	Rochester	MN	55901760515	386432	02-01-2011

### Triggers other multi channel activity such as:

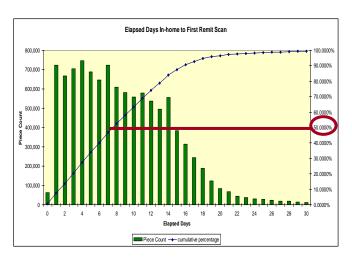
- Phone
- Fmail
- Text messages

Sample shown is Trackmymail® "Mail Piece History" report, exportable or delivered daily via email



## Intelligent Mail®: Transactional Mail Strategic Analytics

Use USPS® to track inbound and outbound mail to know when the recipient received the mail and then sent a remittance



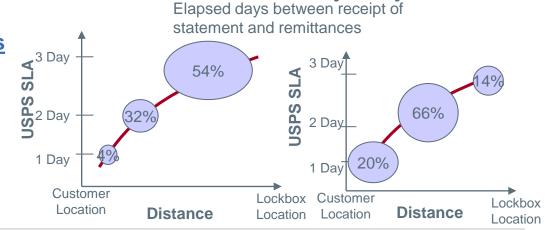
### **Customer payment behavior analyses**

- Identify in-home to remittance response time
- Predict cash flow and necessary processing support
- Establish production to minimize remittance time

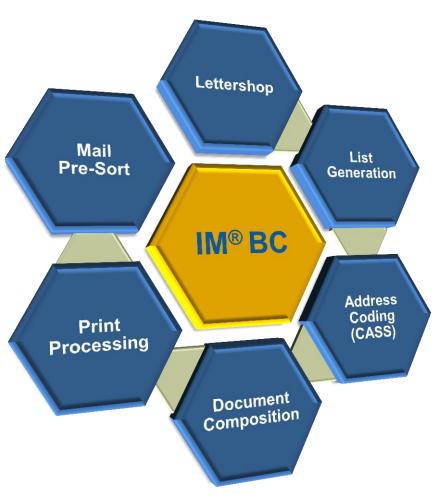
### **USPS Performance on Remittances**

 Optimize use and location of Lockbox operations to improve cash flow (improve control, performance, and predictability)





## **Intelligent Business Process**



- IM® BC assigned as part of business process
- Define IM® BC elements
  - Such as Mailer ID or Electronic Feedback desired
- Embed intelligence into the barcode
  - Such as business process or customer details
- Enterprise Uniqueness
- Visibility USPS<sup>®</sup>, Vendors, and Internal

## Differentiated IM® BC Implementation Solutions

Composition

# Document Composition Software

Applied to address block during composition

Post-Composition

# Distributed Output Management Software

Applied to address block after composition

Pre-Production

# Distributed Printing Management Software

Applied to address block in output management system

Post-Production

# Hardware Based Sorters, Inserters

Generate, print and verify IM®BC on envelope; Piece-level tracking

### **Considerations:**

- Printing environment must support new IM<sup>®</sup> BC graphic (drawn or fonts)
- Sequence # must be managed and associated with "keys" (full)
- For outsourced mail preparation, keys and sequence #s must be associated

## **Evaluate Implementation Options**

Benefit	Fully Outsourced	Mixed: Services & Solutions	In House (with Solutions)
Full Service Discounts			
Full Service ACS™			
NIXIE Processing	Careful Planning		
Time to Implement			Highest Risk
Implementation Cost			
Recurring Costs			
Control			

### **Pitney Bowes:**

### **Consulting services:**

- Educate
- Investigate
- Evaluate and design
- Implement
- Optimize

### **Solutions:**

- Outsourced services
- Cloud solutions
- In-house solution

## In Summary –

## **Major Impacts:**

- Production Costs
- Visibility
- Quality
- EnhancedCustomerConnection

## **Questions and Answers**

Pitney Bowes can assist you in complying with and gaining the most savings from the new IM® BC rules.

#### For more information:

Website: <u>www.pb.com/mailservices</u>

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## THANK YOU.



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