

# MTAC User Group 1 Task Team 14

Status Update

May 17, 2012

- Overview of the Task Team 14

  - Issue Statement

  - Desired Results

- Summary of Activities and Accomplishments

- Process/Data flow

  - Current Implementation

  - Proposed Data Flow

  - Summary of Mail.dat Records Utilized

- Next Steps

- **Task Team Title:**

- Electronic documentation solution that enables verification, postage payment and IMpb tracking for Bound Printed Matter Parcels.

- **Task Team Issue Statement:**

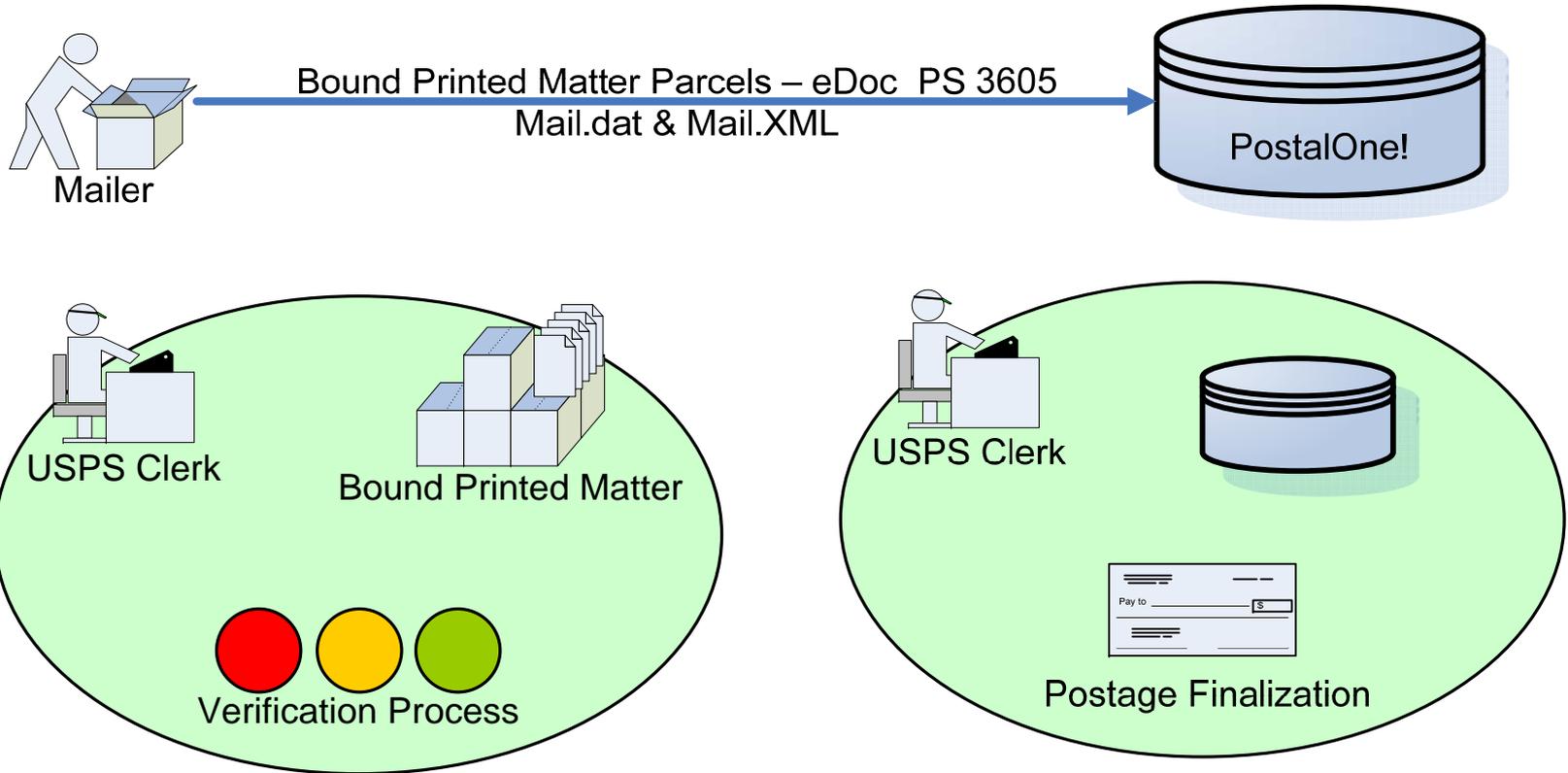
- Currently, Bound Printer Matter parcels are supported in eVS for verification, payment and tracking including IMpb when using an eVS mailers permit only. However, the mailing (PostalOne!) eDocs do not support IMpb tracking. The USPS mandate for electronic documentation to support IMpb on all packages claiming discounts by January 2013 makes this issue prevalent to mailers using mailing eDocs for this type of parcel. This task team is reviewing manufacturing, verification, acceptance, postage payment and IMpb tracking needs for Bound Printed Matter (BPM) parcels and recommend an electronic documentation solution(s).

- **Desired Results:**

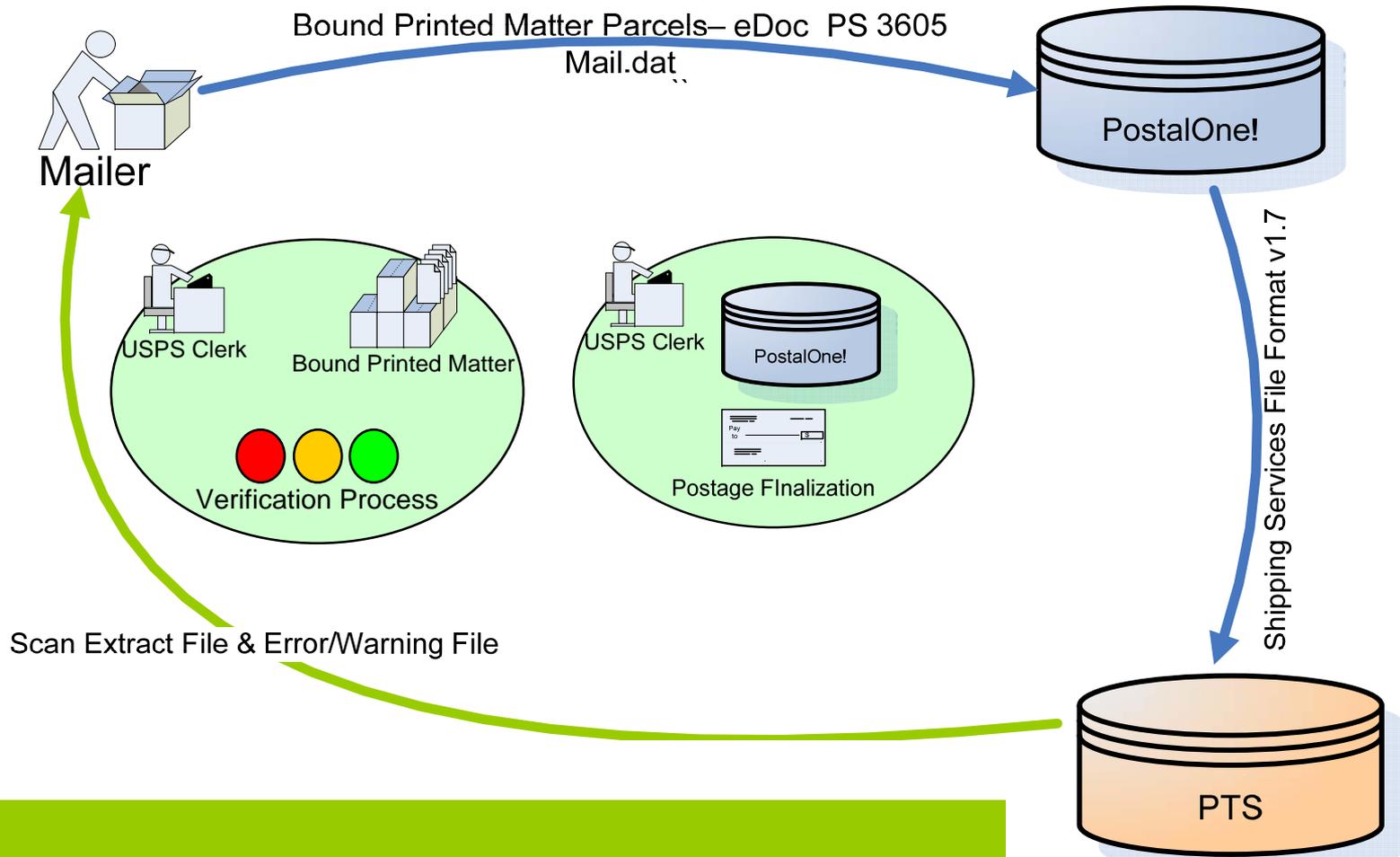
- The task group will focus on the following:
- Technical solution to provide verification, acceptance, payment and IMpb tracking for Bound Printed Matter Parcels.
- Recommended changes to Guides and Specifications.
- Maintaining an overall low cost solution that will meet both industry and USPS needs.

## Accomplishments:

- Reviewed Shipping Services File (SSF) version 1.7 for Commercial Mailers (*H1 Record, D1 Tracking and D1 Payment Records only*)
  - Identified fields as:
    - ♦ Required, Optional, Optional – Provide when available, Ignore (Not Required)
- Mapped the fields of SSF v1.7 to Mail.dat 12-2 File.
  - Identified fields as:
    - ♦ Rule based challenge, Technical challenge, Both
    - ♦ A = 1 to 1 direct mapping, no translation necessary
    - ♦ B = 1 to 1 direct mapping, translation necessary
    - ♦ C = no mapping available
- Drafted an initial USPS Business Needs Statement, this document will be used for consideration for the January 2013 Release.



IMpb tracking not available



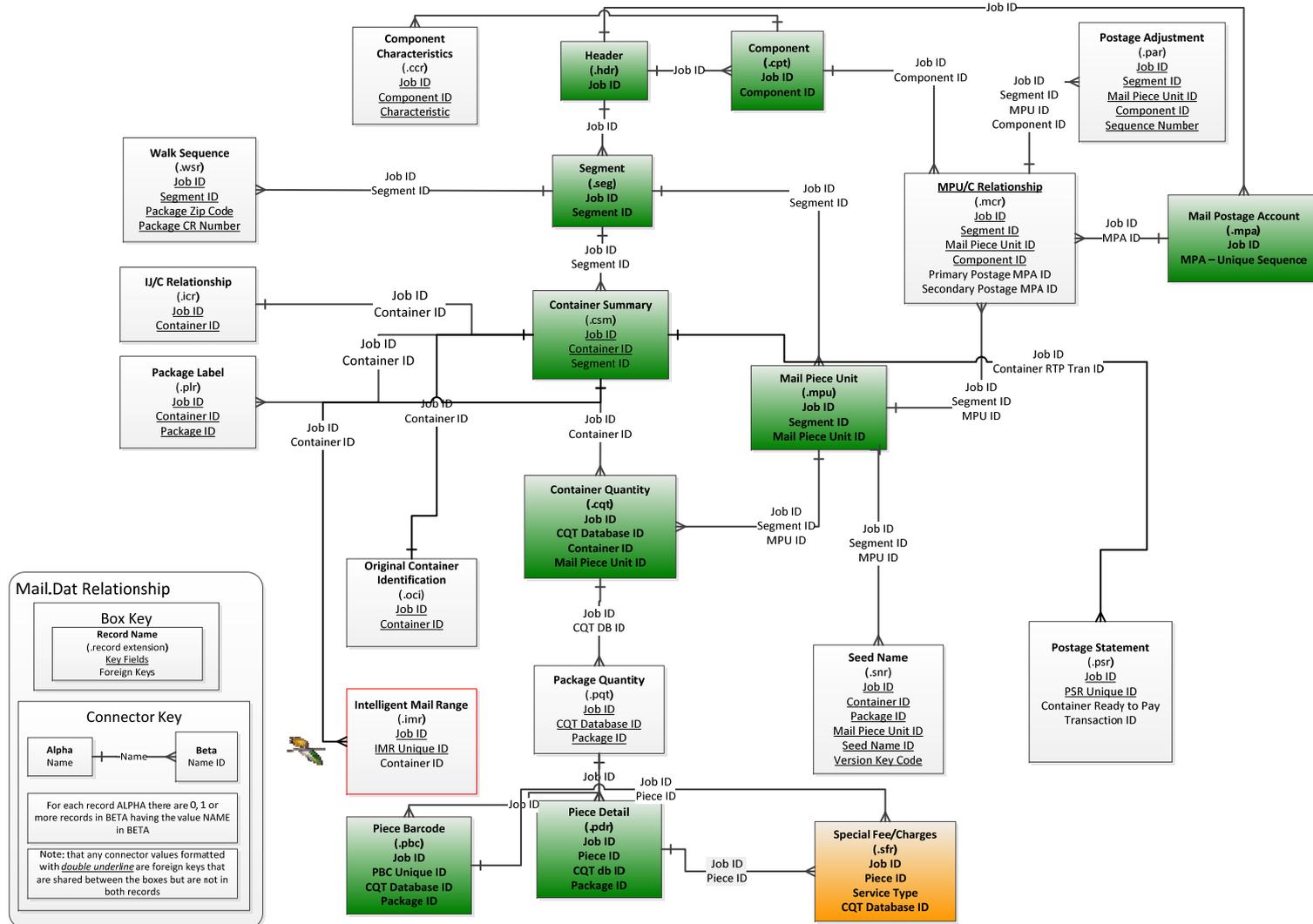
IMpb tracking now available via PTS - Scan Event Extract File & Error Warning File

Mail.dat 12-2 records that will be utilized to consolidate the data for Shipping Services File Format v 1.7.

**Record will be utilized.  
Record is supported by  
PostalOne!**

**Record may be utilized.  
Record not supported  
by PostalOne!**

## Mail.dat 12-2 - Database Design Chart



1. Resolve Remaining Challenges/Issues
  - Policy Issues / Specs mapping issues
2. Finalize Proposal
3. Secure Management Approval
  - Prepare DMM Clarifications
  - Submit Business Need Statements
    - Product Tracking System
    - PostalOne!
4. File necessary IDEAlliance CRs to support the proposed solution
5. Schedule for Upcoming Release