

Work Group 163: Supply Chain Reporting and Invoicing

7/8/14 Meeting Notes

Industry Lead: Bob Rosser, IWCO Direct, PostCom; USPS Lead: Randy Workman, Business Mailer Support

- Bob reminded everyone there will be no meeting held on July 15.
- Bob opened the discussion by reviewing the purpose of the grid and the legend. He stated it was not to redefine those parties involved in the mailing process. It is merely to correlate names to the column heading to the responsible party for items in the Mailer Scorecard.
- Comments were made that the time frame for the project is too short. It was also stated that this defining metric has been completed in the past. The discussion started around tackling one issue at a time (i.e. Move Update, By/For, etc.).
- The priority of indicators requiring workgroup focus was Move Update, By/For and Barcode Uniqueness.
- Detailed discussion was held around the Move Update issue. Joe Bailey explained the fields in the mail.dat file where Move Update information is recorded. He stated the info is held in the SEG and MPU files.
- Steve K explained there can be multiple Move Update methods used in a mailing in the MLOCR world. It was suggested MLOCR users may need to record specific Move Update information in the MPU file due to this issue.
- Steve K followed up by throwing out the possibility of recording Move Update information in the CCR file.
- The group decided to make a decision on what information they would like to see recorded in the mail.dat file, then turn it over to the mail.dat group for an implementation study. Question was raised whether approval was needed prior to going to the mail.dat group with a change request.
- Questions were raised regarding what the USPS would do with the additional information provided in the mail.dat file. It was hoped the USPS was invoice each individual party responsible for errors, but did not expect that to happen.
- Concern was also raised about the complexity of the addition mail.dat information for small to medium mailers with limited knowledge and/or resources.
- The subject of By/For is slated to begin the discussion on the July 22 meeting.
- We populated a few more participant potential contributors for the Full Service error metrics and adjourned until next week.