

**Mailer Technology Advisory Council (MTAC)
Meeting Report
08/12/2014 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM**

WORK GROUP 164 (WG164) SESSION

AGENDA

1. Review and adoption of report of last meeting
2. Overview of existing container data provisioning
3. Any Other Business

DISCUSSION POINTS

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an ongoing forum to facilitate communications between the Postal Service and users, define and review improvements in process/production functionality and address and resolve issues.

Attendees

Tony Allighen	Angelo Anagnostopoulos	Lisa Bowes
Ed Conrad	Jody Dayton	Charley Howard
Dennis Kaylor	Dave Meyers	Himesh Patel
David Propst	Mark Rheaume	Bob Rosser
Tracy Sikes	Paula Stoskopf	James Parnello
Nancy Garrison	Martha Forrest	Dawn Mellas
Ken Young	Kurt Ruppel	Paul Kovalakas
Chetan Patel		

Issues Identified

The report of the last meeting was discussed and with no noted changes, it was adopted as final.

The SASP/BIDS data team provided an overview of the existing container data provisioning mechanism.

ISSUE: Group wants to expand on the Container Scan Provisioning process mapping that has already been provided and reviewed in this meeting. Need same for each of the four focus areas.

- Himesh will prepare these maps for next meeting (8/26) and bring proper USPS people from each internal system identified
- This will serve as a “bridge” of sorts over steps 1, 2 and 3 on the process map presented
- Much discussion of information presented in the “orange box” on the process map
 - Much discussion of alternatives to achieve an “Interim” solution industry can move forward with until Informed Visibility (Best/Ultimate solution) is reality
 - Group cannot wait for perfect solution and needs something now. Any solution loses value if provisioning continues to be delayed
 - Industry needs relief and many of the solutions today are not sufficient or working.
 - BCG, MID, edoc and Single Source ACS have data delegation vehicles today but how would USPS build to address the needs of our group?
 - In Single Source ACS “model” there is concern over a lack of “discipline” and questions about the potential differences between the MID on piece vs MID on pallet debate
 - Himesh wants to be sure this group addresses issues rather than raising more
 - Where would any interim solution be inserted is also a concern

ISSUE: Can SASP provision data hourly vs. daily?

PRODUCT INFORMATION

- Chetan Patel presented information that says this data is captured in almost real time right now
- If this is the case, why do we see latencies and what is causing them?

ISSUE: Group needs to draw a timeline w/PostalOne! and compare it to the data in the “field” to define which potential latency issues we will do a “deep dive” on

- For each “map” we create we need to identify what data is captured, where, when and how frequently provisioned
- Evaluations can then be made regarding use of current portals vs. creation of new portal
- Some restated that EPF must be used even as a way to login and extract the data we are looking for
 - Himesh warned that the USPS must fully understand how this is set up internally to access container visibility
 - Process maps he will create and present will allow this group to review all three processes side by side, review them together and identify/resolve associated latencies
- Group emphasized the importance of making this solution accessible to all industry groups in the process (Mail Owner, MSP, service providers and all others in industry)
 - Delegation option and functionality must be fully functional as with IMb, Single Source ACS, etc.

ISSUE: Group warned that we must address potential fees being charged for any solution we propose

- Himesh will check with Memphis regarding this concern

Any Other Business

- None