



**eVS/PTS User Group
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday April 11, 2012
3:30pm – 4:30pm EST**

Attendees

Chuck McArthur, Jeffrey Waite, Jim Wobensmith, Hal Ellis, Mike Egle, Cathy Byrne, Karyn Maunders, Peter Klausner, Robert Myers, Doug King, Leo Vinitzky, Jaclyn Tubbin, Ed Stashluk, Anita Singh, Kathy Nichol, Emil Aquino, Arlene Peterson, C King, Charley Patterson, Crystal Stefanko, Roger Franco, Rich Gebbie, Margaret Choiniere, Andy Lungren, Dawn Whitney, Julie Kang, Susan Pinter, David Guinther, James Diaz, Tamara Sibergleit, Mark Dropp, Rick Sobeck and Pattie from Red Prarie, Shusrut Parikh, Marty Stamps, Violette Jacobson, John Medeiros, Randy Aman, Emil Aquino, Doug Ferguson, Jeff Wobensmith, Richard Porras, Lisa Hyater, Juliaann Hess, Tony Wells

Welcome – Juliaann Hess/Lisa Hyater

- Roll Call
- Note: There is an issue with meeting place that is causing problems with

PTS Status – Lisa Hyater

- IMpb Timeline (Juliaann Hess)
 - Effective January 22, 2012
 - Free tracking, including confirmation of delivery
 - Commercial parcels only
 - Excludes
 - Standard Mail
 - Package Services
 - Bound Printed Matter
 - Media Mail
 - Library Mail
 - Unique barcode required for presort and destination entry pricing
 - Transition period until July 2, 2012
 - Excludes Standard Mail
 - Includes Package Services and Parcel Select Lightweight
 - IMpb required for PC Postage Vendors
 - Transition period until July 2, 2012
 - Simplified banner text for the legacy barcode format
 - “USPS Tracking #” or “USPS Signature Tracking #”
 - Can be used for legacy barcode format also

- January 7, 2013
 - IMpb required
 - For all package tracking and extra services barcodes
 - To receive presort and destination entry pricing for parcels
 - Shipping Services Electronic Manifest Version 1.6 required
 - ZIP + 4 Code or destination delivery address must be included in the file
 - Customer exception process requested through VP, Product Information
- Mail Class only barcodes use the following service type codes
 - STC 134 – Matter for the Blind; Class of Mail = DM
 - STC 378 – Parcel Post; Class of Mail = BP
 - STC 548 – Bound Printed Matter; Class of Mail = BB
 - STC 521 – Media Mail; Class of Mail = BS
 - STC 582 – Library Mail; Class of Mail = BL
 - STC 702 – Standard Mail; Class of Mail = SA
 - STC 742 – First-Class Mail Packages = FC
 - STC 025 – Priority Mail = PM
 - Note: For STCs 742 and 025, mailers should use tracking barcodes with free Delivery Confirmation
 - Tracking events provided in extract files up to and including Arrival at Unit scan event
 - No fee is charged
 - Cannot be tracked on external Track & Confirm website
- New Shipping Service File 1.7 and 2.0 (Lisa Copeland)
 - Version 1.7 - Fixed Length
 - Version 2.0 - Pipe Delimited (Implemented in the 2nd Phase)
 - Provides a solution for electronic/manifesting customers to submit US Customs information electronically.
 - Customs information provided via new Detail 3 and Detail 4 records
 - Allows international customers to use eVS for payment
 - Allows customers to include the original label number for pieces that have been over labeled
 - Optional
 - Version 1.6 will still be supported
 - The following documents the differences between the 1.7/2.0 Shipping Services File and 1.6 Shipping Services File
 - Header Record 1
 - Mailer ID Field (New field)
 - Container Record 1 (Delayed to future phase)
 - 6 New Fields
 - Detail Record 1
 - Removal Indicator (New field for future use)
 - Over label Indicator (New field for future use)

- Original Tracking Number Barcode Construct Code (New field for future use)
 - Original Tracking Number (New field for future use)
 - Customer Reference Number 2 (New field for future use)
 - Recipient Name (Field moved from D2 record)
 - Delivery Address (Field moved from D2 record)
 - Ancillary Service Endorsement (New field for future use)
 - Address Service Participant Code (New field for future use)
 - Key Line (New field for future use)
 - Return Address (New field for future use)
 - Return Address City (New field for future use)
 - Return Address State (New field for future use)
 - Return Address ZIP Code (New field for future use)
 - Logistic Mailing Facility CRID (New field for future use)

- Violette Jacobson presented International Services information
 - USPS International Services – eVS in July 2012
 - Unified shipping solution
 - Domestic and international data can be included in single electronic file
 - One payment method
 - Single file transmission
 - XML file no longer needed
 - USPS Customers Rate International Services as Best Value
 - Complete portfolio
 - GXG
 - Express Mail International
 - Priority Mail International
 - First-Class Mail International
 - Convenience
 - Flat Rate Options
 - Carrier Pickup
 - Competitive pricing
 - Save Money
 - No accessorial fees
 - Free packaging
 - A map with USPS global alliances and partnerships was presented
 - FedEx (Alliance)
 - EPG (Parcels)
 - KPG (EMS)
 - UPU
 - Bilateral Agreements
 - Note: The packages will still need to have the customs form.
 - The issue is with the description about the contents in the package.

- New Scan Event Extract File 1.6 and 2.0

- Deferred to future phase after initial PTS-II Release
- Version 1.6 - Fixed Length
- Version 2.0 - Variable Length, Pipe-delimited
- Provides expected delivery, container, recipient address, and over label information to the customer via two new extracts
- Reason for the delay
 - To satisfy regulatory requirements for electronic customs data through the 1.7 file format
 - To hold PTS-2 schedule to June 2012
- Program Registration Webinars
 - Remaining External date
 - April 12, 2012 – 11:00am Eastern
 - Make up date
 - April 17, 2012 – 11:00am Eastern
 - Bobbi made note that if customers see something that does not make sense, they should give someone a call especially during your first time.
- New MTAC Task Team
 - Task Team #14 Title: Electronic documentation solution that enables verification, postage payment and IMpb tracking for Bound Printed Matter Parcels.
 - Desired Results
 - 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
 - Expected Date of Completion: May 13, 2012
- PTS-2 Outage Timeline
 - Standard PTS Implementation Weekend Outage Schedule
 - Saturday June 23, 2012 at 10pm Eastern through Sunday June 24, 2012 at 12 noon Eastern

eVS Status – Dave Guinther

- Release Update: April 1, 2012
 - April 1, 2012 (PostalOne! 30.0)
 - Fixes
 - Parcel Select Lightweight price was not being calculated for Mis-shipped
 - Presort Eligibility reports
 - Included with this release

- Destination Entry Validation calculated as a monthly adjustment for NDCs & SCFs
 - Postage Statement Summary > Destination Entry Eligibility Report
 - Additional internal enhancements for sampling quality and monthly reconciliation processing
 - eVS Status
 - Known Issues
 - Mis-Shipped not visible on landing page
 - ONDC/NDC missing rate combination resolved
 - Postage Statements with both Parcel Select and Parcel Post erroring out
 - Daily Postage Statement Summary report not calculating correctly
 - 2012 Planned Releases
 - PostalOne! 31.0
 - June 10, 2012 -TEM/Production Software Deployment
 - June 24, 2012 Implementation – new product availability
 - Planned functionality
 - International Mail
 - Shipping Services File Format v1.7
 - PostalOne! 32.0
 - October 14, 2012
 - eVS Requirements – October 14, 2012
 - Pipe Delimited Format (manifest format 2.0)
 - Ineligible Content Quarterly Adjustment
 - Option to receive reconciliation
 - June 24, 2012 (PostalOne! 31.0)
 - Major release – may include new products and/or postage statement changes
 - Requirements in design review with IT
 - Tentatively planned
 - International Mail support
 - Shipping Services File
 - Updates
 - Publication 205 (April 2012)
 - Posted by Monday April 16, 2012
 - Proposed Appendix A (June 2012)
 - File Layout including 1.7
 - Appendix G (June 2012)
 - International Rate ingredients

Industry Feedback

- No feedback

Action Item Review

- April 11, 2012
 - PTS team to provide a sample of the 1.5 extract file format to John Medeiros *Submitted to be posted on RIBBS*
 - PTS team to add sample files to RIBBS to help mailers *Submitted to be posted on RIBBS.*
 - eVS team to provide a rate ingredient in Appendix G for machineable standard marketing parcels for destination entry only *Done as of April 20.*
 - PTS will provide the requirement for the new scan event extract file 1.6/2.0 *In progress*
 - PTS will send out the meeting notice for Program Registration Webinars *The meeting notice for the make-up session was sent out on April 10, 2012*
 - Industry will provide feedback for items to be included in the eVS Postal One! October Release by March 16, 2012 *No feedback received*
 - Suggestions for increasing bandwidth for reports should be sent to Jennifer, Vicki, and Tony *No suggestions received*
 - Suggestions for open-pipe should be sent to Tony so it can be forwarded to Bob *No suggestions received*
 - Juliaann requests feedback from the industry on the IMpb FAQ *Feedback received*
 - Confirm the grace period for the destination validation and the rules for conflicts for the rate ingredients with the service type codes *In progress*

Questions / Comments

- Juliaann gave clarification on the July 2nd date (Transition to IMpb date).

Action Items

- Tony will distribute the SRS item from Dave Guinther

Next meeting scheduled for *Thursday 5/10/2012 at 3:30pm.*