

MTAC Group Status Request

Group Update: User Group 4 (UG4) – IMb Tracing / Informed Visibility

- UG4 was created on September 9, 2010. The group has no preset end date and anticipated to continue indefinitely.
- USPS Sponsor: Robert Cintron
- USPS Leaders: Steve Dearing and Himesh Patel
- Industry Sponsor: Lisa Bowes
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Goals:

To provide an ongoing forum for collaboration between the Postal Service and Industry to facilitate the use and, enhance value of IMb Tracing and Informed Visibility (IV). By identifying, addressing and resolving issues as they arise, we hope to continue to add value to the mail. The scope of this group will include the development and implementation of the data framework for Informed Visibility, including education and development of related materials, so all may better understand and appreciate the power of business intelligence.

Participation and Discussion Format

Hour-long teleconferences are held every Wednesday from 12:30-1:30pm Eastern. Meetings include presentations on a variety of mail visibility programs and topics as well as technical discussion on IMb Tracing and data latency issues. Recently meetings have also begun to focus on business rules and requirements for the new Informed Visibility (IV) system.

High Level Update

Recent meetings have covered the following topics:

- Discussion and resolution of IMb Tracing outages.
- Review and refinement of data provisioning permissions and associated business rules for IV.
- Review of IV's plans for Logical Delivery Events (LDE).
- Continue addressing IMb Tracing issues
- Finalized STIDs to enable expanded visibility for BPM Flats
- Finalized technical solution design for third alternative for Reply Mail – mitigate issues related to unavailability of unique 9-digit zips.