

MTAC User Group 9

September 11, 2014 at 2:00PM EST

Mission Statement: Collaborate to create and discuss the efficient communication, deployment, and accuracy of USPS presort reference data. Creating visibility into any issues around this presort reference data distribution and usage will lead to recommendations for improvements.

Meeting Notes:

- Review of presort reference data issue log
 - Added DEFLT FSS issue but USPS needs to research to see if this is an issue as some in the group believe this has been discussed in other meetings and a resolution was provided that was acceptable. Software providers need to know what DEFLT means for FSS
- Parcel File has been changed and Address File will be updated with batch job on 9/14/14
 - Notifications to go out through FAST release notes
 - Industry alert or other form of notification will go out as well
- Network Rationalization is coming in January
 - Industry requests that this group be used as one way to communicate those changes needed around Presort Reference Data and to ensure the changes can be implemented effectively across the supply chain before going into effect
 - Add to future agenda once USPS is prepared to speak on the changes
- January MDF changes discussion (future agenda item)
 - When will January MDF test file be available?
- Presort Reference Data File Release Matrix – What are the publish dates, effective dates and expiration dates for all files? Are they aligned? (Review Spreadsheet)
 - Generated much discussion
 - Group Activity: Completed first draft of File Release Matrix
 - This matrix should help ensure a consistent release process across USPS
 - Consistency is important to Vendors and Mailers
 - Labeling Lists discrepancy between FAST and EPF versions
 - Are FAST labeling lists in line with EPF version?
 - Current set of lists posted on FAST (8/25/14) were not updated after changes were made to 9/3 version of EPF files
 - Address, Parcel and Supplemental Files (from AMS) are generated on Sundays (weekly) and updated weekly in FAST
 - Need for weekly updates to address/parcel/supplemental files?
 - Can we switch to updating this data monthly without negatively impacting parcel mailers?
 - Follow-up with John Medeiros
 - City/State and Delivery Stats files (from AIS) are published on the Wednesday after 2nd Saturday of the month and become effective immediately
 - Slightly out of line with the rest of the data. Impacts?
 - Next Steps: define which data USPS is using vs. which data industry is using so we can improve alignment and ensure proper data is being used across the board
- Next Meeting: Thursday, September 18, 2014 at 2:00PM EST