

# **WG163 Supply Chain Reporting and Invoicing Update**

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- Supply Chain Reporting and Invoicing
- Issue Statement:
  - The generation of a single mailing involves multiple parties across the mailing supply chain. These parties are responsible for different aspects of mail preparation that may be invoiced by a Mail Entry program (currently Full-Service, eInduction, and Seamless Acceptance). The mailing industry is interested in attributing invoice-able errors to responsible parties for investigation, resolution, and payment.
  - This Work Group is being proposed to review the supply chain and recommend a potential approach to distributing responsibility for mail preparation errors to parties other than the eDoc submitter.

- Been meeting weekly since 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June
- Calls held at 10 am EST (9 am CST) on Tuesdays
- Membership participants- approx. 50 from a cross-section of the Supply Chain
- Face to face meeting held Tuesday 8/19
- Goal to wrap up by 9/30/14

- Metric issues reviewed to date:
  - Move Update
  - By/For
  - Uniqueness Responsibility
  - eInduction Mis-shipped errors ( just began discovery)

- **Move Update identification:** requires the addition of data fields ; throwing that to Mail.dat/Mail.xml Group to determine best way and place to update specs for a Change Request.
- **By/For issues:** were addressed in a strawman proposal that included a By/For Manifest and Business Rules to improve accuracy and post-mailing data submission
- **Uniqueness issues** - eDoc Submitter to provide the USPS with a reference table by CRID on the responsible party managing uniqueness and serialization for each Piece, Handling Unit, and Container by MID.
- **eInduction Mis-Shipped Errors** – Just began discovery; concern we may not have right constituency and that these issues may belong in WG 138
- **Believe we are on track to hit targeted completion date.**