### Adding Value to Mail



# Using Informed Visibility and Informed Delivery to Add to Your Bottom Line



### SnailWorks Makes it Better

**SnailWorks** provides the tactical tools to improve direct mail response rates through the coordinated engagement of online channels.



### **SnailWorks Products**











# 6 Ideas for Adding Value And Profit



### #1: Making Mail Tracking Profitable



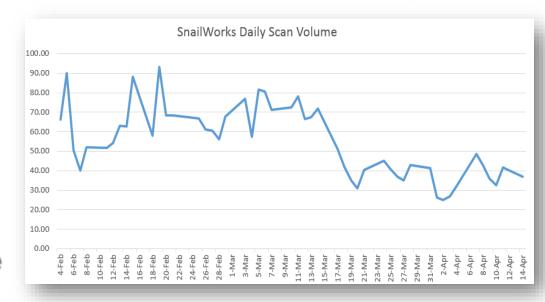
# Mail Tracking Is Essential

- Mail delivery issues have been rampant
- Mail delivery is less predictable even for First-Class Mail
- The traditional benefits of mail tracking have been amplified



# The Need for Mail Tracking

- Mail volumes are down
- Delivery is more erratic
- Response is harder to predict, but generally lower
- Volume and response are likely to climb, but no one knows when



Mail Tracking lets you know!



# The Business of Mail Tracking

- Mail tracking is a bargain, in perspective:
  - Typical NP mailing costs about 40 cents/piece
  - With mail tracking: 40.01 cents/piece, typically
- In early days of tracking PLANET codes, CONFIRM, 3<sup>rd</sup> party tracking companies charged per job + per \$
- Today's market is generally pure \$/M





### The Business of Mail Tracking

- So, mail owners don't care so much about the additional 1/10 cent, but...
- That translates to \$1.00/M for MSP's
  - Actual prices vary, but \$1/M is about average
- The layers between the mail owner and the MSP create a false cost issue



# Fair Value for Mail Tracking

- MSP's should track mail it's essential
- MSP's and agencies should not give tracking away – it has value and requires investment
- Marking up \$1 to \$2 is generally a fair charge – there is room for agencies to add a small margin as well



# **Pricing Models**

- Lots of small mailings?
  - Consider small charge/job \$5, \$10, even \$2 per job can be profitable if there are many jobs
- Big mailings?
  - Charge per M with a markup



### **How It Works for All**

- Some of our more successful MSP's add \$2,000 - \$5,000 to their monthly profit
- Tracking more mail is essential it should not be seen as a cost center – it's a profit center
- Tracking a little mail makes it harder to sell, and more difficult to profit. Tracking ALL your mail makes it part of what you do – and profitable



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### #2: Response Tracking



# **How Inbound Tracking Works**

A consumer drops a response in the

mail

- A Donor
- A subscriber
- A member
- A voter









# **How Inbound Tracking Works**

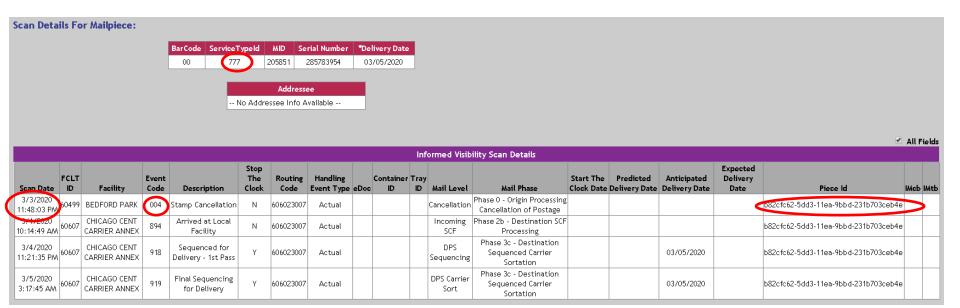
- Mail is gathered and inducted at Sectional Center
- Run through facer/canceller or sorter
- Intelligent Mail barcode scanned





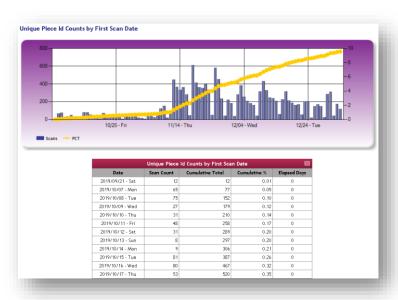


### **Mail Piece Path**

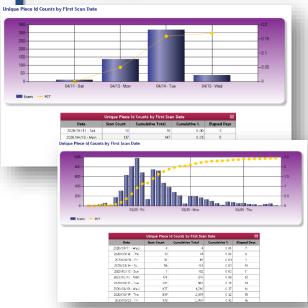




### **Creating Reports**



Same envelope, many renewals



One envelope each project



### Different Forms of Inbound Tracking

### Non-unique IMb

- Generally printed on return envelope
- Can be distinguished by USPS Unique Piece ID

### Unique IMb

- As part of remittance
- On return envelope matched to sender
- On return envelope, unmatched





### **Inbound By The Numbers**

# Different response characteristics require different pricing models

- Most DM or fundraising generates very few inbound pieces – generally less than 2%
- Invoice mailings may generate much higher quantities – 30% and up



# Fixed IMb Response Tracking

- Used to determine response rates
- Requires more work upfront to set up BRM/CRM art
- Very little processing effort after setup complete – quantities tend to be low
- Reply mail rates are still important preferred response path of High \$ donors



### Fixed IMb Pricing Models

- Typically one set-up charge to create BRM/CRM art and monitor through life of mailing (60 – 90 days)
  - Small monthly fee for additional months
- Same IMb can be used for repeated mailings (all renewals, for example)
- Unique IMb for each split is OK but may increase cost



# **Unique IMb Tracking**

- Each inbound piece has it own IMb generally printed on remittance advice and showing through window
- BRM/CRM design stays the same since variable IMb is in the mail production
- Higher inbound % is expected



# **Unique IMb Pricing Models**

- Requires minimal setup, no art creation
- Most effort is in assigning, managing a lot of IMb's
- Pricing is usually simply a doubling of outbound tracking price



### **How It Works for All**

- Inbound tracking is high-value, and low cost
- Can be sold as an add-on "fries with your burger?"
- Most mail owners can't live without once they use it once



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### #3: Informed Delivery







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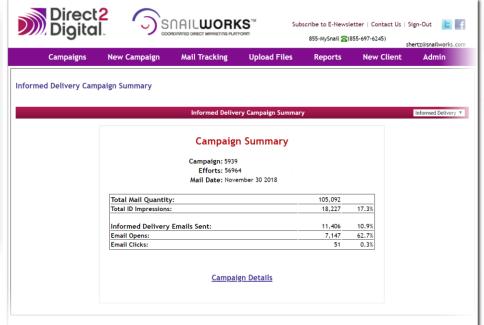
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# **Results Reporting**







# **Informed Delivery**

- Adding an Informed Delivery (ID) campaign to a mailing is probably the greatest added value a mailer can offer a mail owner
- Most mailings can expect a 10% 20% increase in impressions
- Direct link to web site/Donation page
- Underused service still a lot of available market, differentiation possibilities



### Informed Delivery – The Big Numbers

Registered Users: 33.3 Million

Email-Enabled Users: 27.7 Million

Email Open Rates: 60%

About 1 in 5 eligible households



# Relatively Easy To Do

- Simply requires providing JPEG images and a web link, and associating them to IMb serial numbers
- Requires tracking to know how it is working
- Lends itself very well to A/B testing
- Free from USPS modestly priced by SnailWorks



### **Keep In Mind**

- Mailing quantity doesn't really matter effort is in setup
- Multiple versions do matter. Each version requires its own setup in many cases, depending on IMb sequence
- Tracking and reporting is critical to prove value, enable testing
- Complicated enough be best administered by a third party



# **ID Pricing Model**

- Fixed campaign cost, regardless of quantity
- Work with customers to minimize versions, sequence number breaks
- Tracking is essential to mine the wealth of data provided by ID
- SnailWorks coordinates ID reporting with mail tracking



### **How It Works For All**

- Boosted response rate for mail owners
- Ease of use
- Simple per-job/split pricing model
- Easy to sell, particularly on large jobs or during promotions
- Still time to be a "pioneer"



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#4: ACS - Win/Win/Win



# Why ACS?

- Address quality sucks
- Too much mail is run through NCOA as a formality – data isn't applied
- Even after NCOA, UAA rate is still 1% 2%
- ACS allows you to get rid of "The Pile" of returned mail waiting to be keypunched (and never is)
- ACS if free from USPS for Full-Service mail!



### **How ACS Works**

- A MID is registered with the ACS program
- The correct ancillary endorsement is printed on the mail piece – DANGER!
- As pieces are found to be undeliverable the address change or notification of nondelivery is sent electronically



### **Keep In Mind**

- It is critical to print the correct endorsement:
  - First-Class Mail: No endorsement
  - Marketing Mail: "Electronic Service Requested"
- You can alter how mail is handled in IMb Service Type ID (STID)
- There may be charges for non-Full-Service Mail



# **ACS Pricing Model**

- Most effort is in managing data
- Move data is high value
- Much more valuable for house files
- Three primary pricing models:
  - Per correction
  - Per job
  - Per month



### **How It Works For All**

- Postal Service has less mail to forward
- Mail owner can correct or eliminate UAA addresses
- A revenue opportunity for the MSP



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### #5: Adding IV and ID to commingle



# Adding Value to Commingle

- Comminglers do care about delivery times
- Traditionally, barcodes assigned by MLOCR could not be associated with an individual mail piece
- MLOCR's are capable of reading a second barcode, unique ID, or name to associate with the IMb assigned



## Adding Value to Commingle

- Work with MLOCR manufacturer as to capability of your equipment
- Create a file with unique ID and associated IMb
- Marry that to a third file that associates unique ID to other record data to build IV and ID reports



# **Pricing Models for MLOCR**

- Commingle is very price competitive
- A small tracking cost can be absorbed or passed on as a differentiator
- This also allow trackable association for Informed Delivery campaigns



## **How It Works For All**

- Mailers who rely on comminglers for postal processing have a new way to use advanced services like ID and IV
- Comminglers have a new way of differentiation and providing new services based on something other than price



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#6: Ballot Tracking







### Dear Voter,

Welcome to our new ballot-tracking system using Intelligent Mail data from the US Postal Service!

Starting the day after the Election Board mails your ballot to you, the "Outbound Ballot Scan Activity" will show where your ballot is in the postal system.

Then, a day after you mail your Ballot Return Envelope to the Election Board, the "Return Ballot Scan Activity" should provide the latest information on your Ballot Return Envelope.

The Election Board also will send you an email to let you know if the ballot arrives and is counted.

Questions? Call our Vote By Mail Department at 312-269-7967.

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Outbound Scan Activity									
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205851	285785535	2/24/2020 2:17:07 AM	CHICAGO CENT CARRIER ANNEX	CHICAGO	02/24/2020			





## Why Track Ballots?

- Really? You need to ask this?
- Integrity, accountability, democracy



# The MSP Opportunity

- Smaller election jurisdictions have no built in tracking capacity – they don't do barcodes
- You may need to be certified to print ballots, but generally not to mail them
- Great opportunity to commingle and track



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### **The Bottom Line**



## **The Bottom Line**

- The bottom line IS your bottom line
- Don't think of add-on services as an expense – they should be a profit center
- Share the value up to value chain!
- SnailWorks can help you develop profit strategies based on our most successful customers



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