## Participating in the 2020 USPS Informed Delivery Promotion

**Dave Lewis, President** 



#### **SnailWorks Products**



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### **SnailWorks' Mission**

Deliver on the promise of innovative Postal Service programs by making them easy to use and making results clear and actionable.





#### **Informed Delivery Solution**



#### More than 1,000 Campaigns created





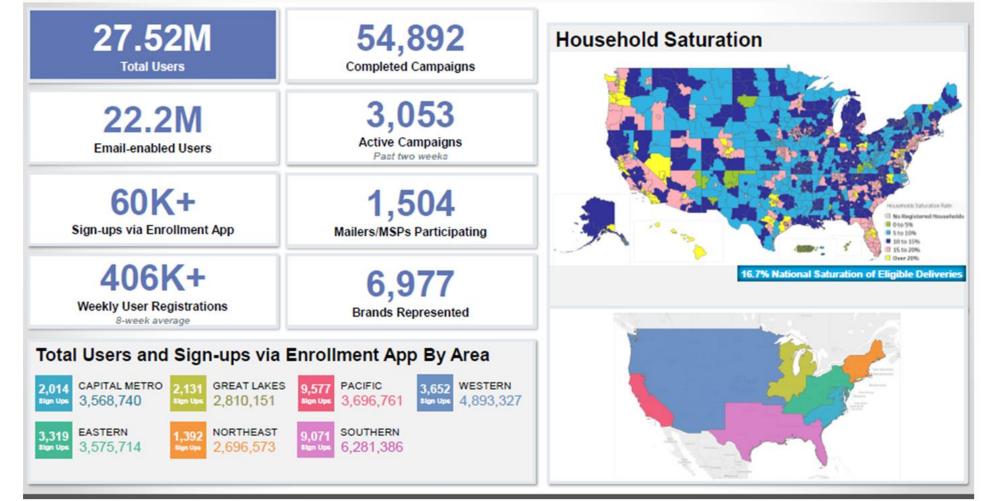
## Informed Delivery – The Big Numbers

- Registered Users: 17.84 28.23 Million
- •Email-Enabled Users: 12.92 22.89 Million
- Email Open Rates: 67.2%
- About 1 in 5 eligible households





### ID Stats from June 2020







#### **Users Rely on Informed Delivery**

Informed Delivery users find value in using the feature.



How disappointed would you be if you **could not use** Informed Delivery?

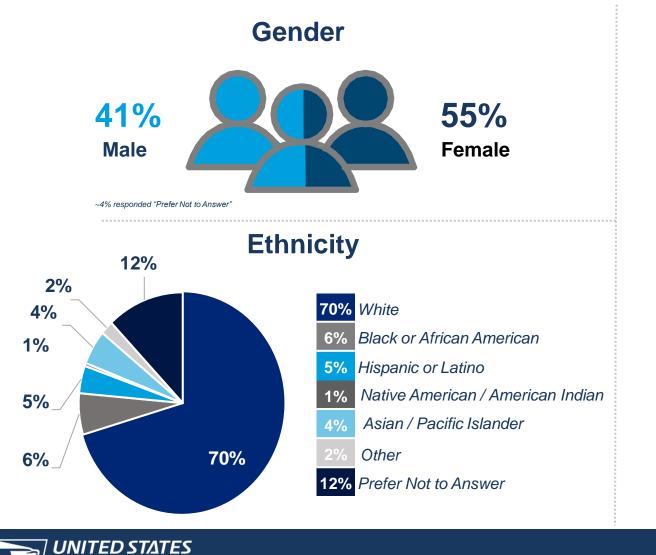


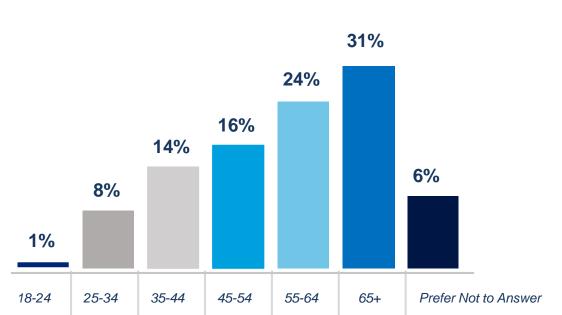


#### Who are the Users

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#### Informed Delivery users come from a variety of backgrounds.





Age

#### What is the User Response

Users of Informed Delivery are engaged with the feature.



are **satisfied or very satisfied** with Informed Delivery

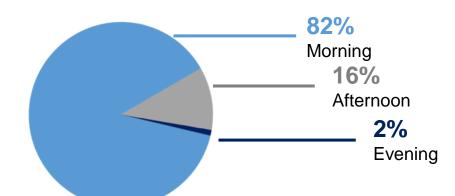
#### How Users are Viewing their Notifications





would **recommend** Informed Delivery to friends, family, or colleagues

#### **Time of Day to View**

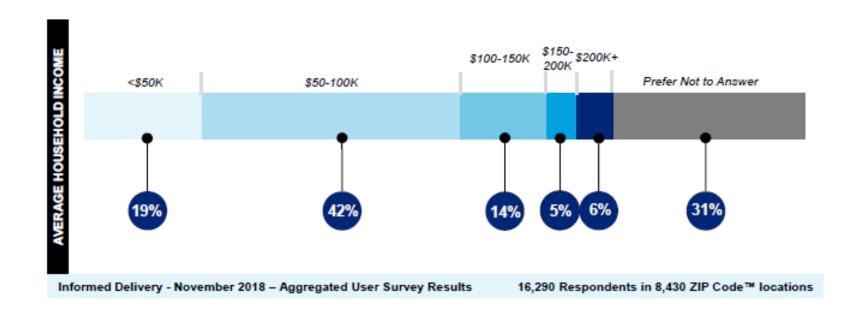




#### **ID Income Stats**

Informed Delivery® November 2018 – Aggregated User Survey Results









#### The Why of an Informed Delivery Campaign

- Better Response
- Online Channels
- Control Your Brand
- New Customer Data
- Save Postage





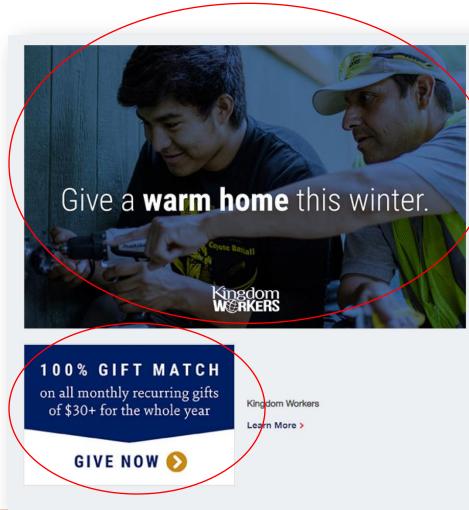
## The Elements of an Informed Delivery Campaign



#### **Three Primary Elements**

Representative
 Image
 (Optional)

**2)** Ride-Along Ad (Required)



3) Target URL (For Ride-Along)
(Required):
https://kingdomworkers.com/give-now/





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#### **Acceptable Representative Images**



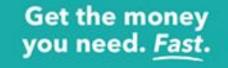








#### Not Acceptable



Achieve your goals, without using credit cards. Visit OMF.com to apply for a personal loan today.

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## **Ride-Along Ads**

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#### **Acceptable Ride-Alongs**







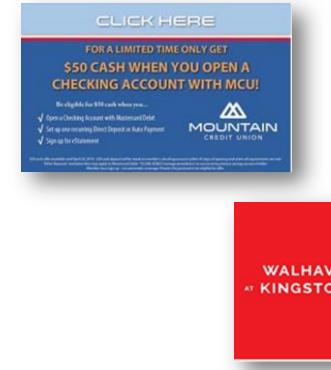








#### Not Acceptable Ride-Alongs





WALHAVEN **AT KINGSTOWNE** 



WITH BROOKFIELD RESIDENTIAL



Make this year's last gift your most lasting.





## Target URL

- Web address for clickers
- Consider offer specific/version specific
- Must be secure page:
  - https:// NOT http://
- Prospects will not see URL, so long name is OK





## Creating a Campaign

- PostalOne! Or Business Customer Gateway?
- Job-Based, or MID-Based?
  - Job-based: A range of serial numbers
    - Multiple versions require multiple campaign set-ups
    - Only those serial numbers will see ad
    - Great for most campaigns 97% of campaigns are job-based
  - MID-Based: All pieces with MID get ad
    - Simple to create
    - Difficult to match back for measurement
    - Great for invoices, notices, "daily" mail





#### Gather your resources

- A web site URL to direct your prospects to
- Two images:
  - A representative image (optional)
  - A ride-along ad

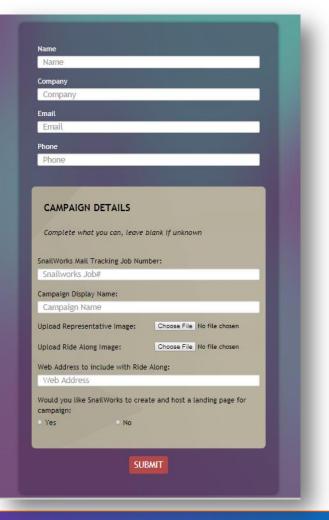








#### Complete an order form:







#### Approve the ad proof:

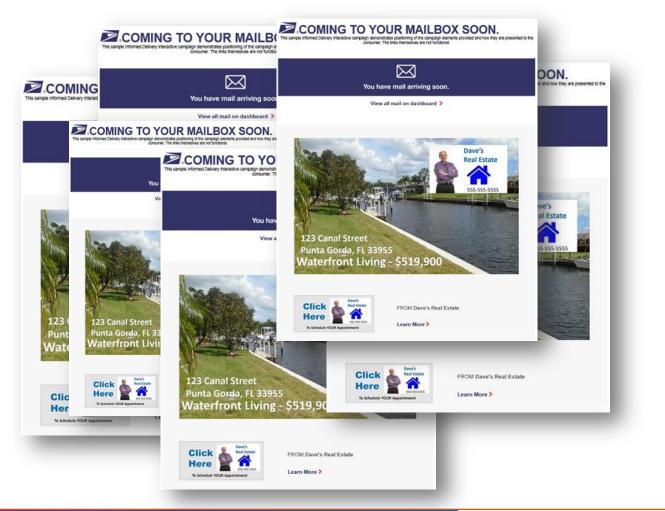






...and mail it!

# Ads will deliver as your mail delivers.







## After campaign completes, view and evaluate reports Summary:

Campaign(s) for Job June 2020 C3 Low/Mid Appeal										
			Subscribers		Emails Sent		Emails Opened		Emails Clicked	
Campaign Code	Campaign Title	Mailed Quantity	Quantity	%	Quantity	%	Quantity	%	Quantity	%
June 2020 C3 Low/Mid Appeal P2	- 275692	102,610	19,424	1 <b>8.9</b> 3%	15,945	15.54%	6,840	42.90%	39	0.20%
June 2020 C3 Low/Mid Appeal P1	- 275692	173,066	34,355	19.85%	28,459	16.44%	12,679	44.55%	68	0.20%
	275,676	53,779	19.51%	44,404	16.11%	19,519	43.96%	107	0.20%	

Campaign Details





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## **USPS Informed Delivery Promotion**

- Registration opened July 15, 2020
- Promotion runs September 1, 2020 November 30, 2020
  - All dates must be after September 1 and no later than November 30
  - Mail submission, drop ship induction all dates!
- Discount 2% off postage for mailed amount
- Discount taken at time of mailing
- Eligible mail:
  - First Class automation letters, postcards, and flats
  - USPS Marketing Mail automation letters and flats
  - Nonprofit USPS Marketing Mail automation letters and flats





## **USPS Informed Delivery Promotion**

#### • What is NOT eligible:

- Non-automation mail
- Carrier Route <u>saturation</u> rate mail (flats)
- Carrier-Route 5-Digit Pallets flats
- DDU (Destination Delivery Unit) flats
- EDDM
- DAL (detached address label)/ Detached Marketing Label Flats
- Business-to-Business or Business-to-institution/Campus mailings
- Parcels / Priority Mail





### **USPS Informed Delivery Promotion**

#### The promotion process – 5 Steps

- Register for promotion in Business Customer Gateway (BCG) – mail shops register
- Go through approval process
- Create ID campaign in Mailer Campaign Portal (MCP)
- Create appropriate eDocs with mailing
- Provide sample mail piece with mailing (and hold a copy for yourself for one year)





## **Registering in the BCG**

Access through Gateway

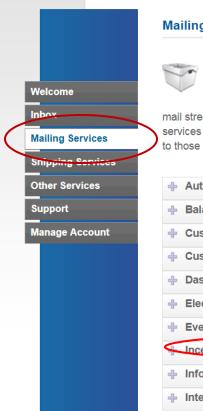
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- Register with appropriate MID's, CRID's
- Registration can be done through Mail Service Provider





## In the BCG



#### **Mailing Services**

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Mailing services help you deliver letters and flat mail pieces.

Mailing online services will help you manage day-to-day activities from design and preparation of your mail to tracking your mailings in the mail stream. The services currently available are listed below. You may access services directly from here that you have been approved for and request access to those you do not.



Automated Business Reply Mail more info >	GO TO SERVICE
Balance & Fees (PostalOne!) more info ≥	GO TO SERVICE
Customer Label Distribution System (CLDS) more info >	GET ACCESS
Customer/Supplier Agreements (CSAs) more info >	GET ACCESS
Dashboard (PostalOne!) more info >	GO TO SERVICE
Electronic Data Exchange (PostalOne!) more info >	GO TO SERVICE
Every Door Direct Mail more info >	GET ACCESS
Incentive Programs more info ≥	GO TO SERVICE
Informed Visibility more info >	GO TO SERVICE
Intelligent Mail Small Business (IMsb) Tool more info ≥	GO TO SERVICE
Mailer ID more info >	GO TO SERVICE





## **Create an ID Campaign Through Portal**

- SnailWorks Direct2Digital ID is the easy way to do this
- Otherwise, access ID Mailer Campaign Portal through BCG
- MUST be finalized by noon the day before the Mailing Date





## **The Approval Process**

- Ride-Along Image is required for all campaigns. A JPEG or PDF of the Ride-Along must submitted for approval;
- Representative Image is required for flats mailings, and optional for letter-size. IF a Representative Image is used, a JPEG or PDF of the Representative Image AND and JPEG or PDF of both sides of the mail piece must be submitted for approval;
- Approval is required before mailing. A response is "typically" provided within four (4) business days;
- Allow Big Hunks of time for approvals!





## It's Never Too Early for Approval!

- If you have an ad designed, and a campaign title, you can get it approved way ahead of time;
- Details of the campaign need to be in by noon the day before mailing
- You can continue to manipulate other aspects list, creative – up until then





## **Getting Your Ad Approved**

- Approvals sent to
  - Promotion-InformedDelivery@usps.gov
- Start early
- •Get the elements right





## The Representative Image

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### The Representative Image

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#### More OK







### The Representative Image



NOT OK unless back of mail piece!









## Mail Piece Image

- You will need to send an image of both sides of the mail piece if you include a representative image
- Not required for ride-along only campaigns





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- Must be "clickable" have a URL





## **Ride-Along Ads**







#### Get a Quote

For your own individual NSO malpractice policy for as low as \$106

**S**nso



#### These are all OK





### **Ride-Along Ads**



#### **Probably NOT OK**

#### GET EMP®WERED WITH BROOKFIELD RESIDENTIAL



Make this year's last gift your most lasting.

#### FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY GET \$50 CASH WHEN YOU OPEN A CHECKING ACCOUNT WITH MCU!

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# **Acceptable Calls-To-Action**

- Manage account
- View account
- Click here to donate
- Get 25% off
- Claim your free gift
- Download the app here
- Earn 1.5% cash back





# **Unacceptable Calls-To-Action**

- Go paperless
- Go Green
- Pay Online
- Donate Online
- Last Minute Offer
- Additional Deals





# Landing Page/Link

- USPS will test link as part of approval process
- Landing page must be secure: HTTPS
- Landing page cannot require an email to move on
- Pop up asking for email cannot appear
- Any pop up must have a clear "X" to close it
- This really can't be an email gathering campaign





# **Create Appropriate eDocs With Mailing**

- Mailings must be submitted electronically
- In mail.dat, the Component Characteristics Record must be populated with "PI" for 2020 Informed Delivery Promotion
- Need to claim promotion in "Incentive Claimed" section on electronic postage statement
- Campaign must be open at least 4 days after First-Class mailing, and 9 days after USPS Marketing Mail mailing





# **Provide Mail Piece Sample with Mailing**

- Submit with mailing at BMEU
- Seamless mailings can mail in samples





#### USPS Checklist

#### Appendix A: Informed Delivery Promotion Check List

Complete each step below to claim the 2020 Informed Delivery Promotion discount:

- Review resources on the Informed Delivery for Business Mailers website (<u>usps.com/informeddeliverycampaigns</u>).
- Complete the 2020 Informed Delivery Promotion registration on the BCG.
- Submit a JPEG or PDF of the following information to the Promotion Office email (<u>Promotion-InformedDelivery@usps.gov</u>) and reference the campaign brand display name(s) in the email subject line:
  - Campaign Ride-along Image with a clear Call-to-Action

If using a Representative Image, in addition to the Ride-along image, you must also provide:

Image of the Informed Delivery mailpiece outside panels (address and non-address side) clearly identified.

The Representative Image, which must include a close representation of the outer envelope or exposed panel portion of the physical mailpiece.

Receive approval from the Promotion office prior to mailing

Verify that the Mail date is within the Informed Delivery Interactive Campaign Start/End date and the campaign is in a Submitted status at the time of the mailing/ "Ready to Pay" submission (review <u>Section 5</u> for detailed instructions)

Create the Postage Statement which includes the following information for the Informed Delivery mailpieces:

- a. Informed Delivery Promotion Component Characteristics Record (CCR) file "PI" (Mail.dat/Mail.XML)
- b. MIDs and IMb Serial Number Ranges

Provide hard copy mailpiece(s) to BMEU personnel at the time of the mailing

**NOTE:** The discount must be claimed at the time of the mailing during the Promotion period and cannot be rebated after the Promotion closes.





# Some General Advice

- Don't wait until promotion period to start using Informed Delivery – get some experience
- You are safer creating campaigns through the portal
- Make sure your mail service provider is clear on the process
   before submitting campaign
- Commingled mail will qualify, but your commingler has to participate. Be prepared to share discount.
- Use offer-specific URLs
- Don't just do it for the discount. Make sure to test and leverage all the benefits of Informed Delivery





# What's New This Year?

- Basic rules are the same as 2019
- More stringent enforcement of "no diversion from the mail" rules
- The Postal Service has made it clear that they can go back after the fact and take back discounts for campaigns that did not meet requirements





#### Resources

#### www.D2DID.com



#### Postalpro.USPS.com/2020\_Informed\_Delivery\_requirements





# Thank You!! Questions??

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