The Postal Service would like to update mailers on the upcoming fall mailing season. Robert Cintron, Vice President Network Operations, and his staff will present a webinar to update mailers on important information regarding fall mailing season 2016.

The Postal Service has been working rigorously to ensure that customer communication plans, mail processing plans, and sort programs are in place; in addition to expanding FAST appointments and deploying additional resources to manage volumes and to monitor cycle times. The Postal Service has also been adjusting plans to ensure that mailers have the necessary equipment, transportation, and resources for a successful season.

This webinar is designed to give you up-to-date information and an opportunity to ask questions. If you have suggestions for topics and/or questions to submit in advance please do so via email to IndustryAlert@usps.gov with “2016 Fall Mailing Season Webinar” in the subject line.

The Postal Service is committed to working closely with our customers to help them plan their mailings throughout the Peak Mailing Season and we hope that you can join us.

Agenda topics will include:

- Processing Operations Update
- Service Performance
- Election / Political Mail
- Mail Transport Equipment Update
- Informed Visibility (IV)
- Peak Season Surface / Air Preparedness
- Technology Advancements

Participant information is provided below:
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PARCEL SELECT SUCCESS

USPS is exceeding its Parcel Select performance targets, underscoring the organization's commitment to building its package delivery business.

Parcel Select is the Postal Service's fastest-growing package product. Many retailers receive postage discounts when they drop Parcel Select packages at Post Offices and other facilities for delivery.

During fiscal 2016’s third quarter (April 1-June 30), USPS exceeded its goal for these deliveries by almost two-tenths of a percentage point.

“Our outstanding performance during this quarter reflects our ability to deliver for our package customers and builds a stronger foundation to ensure every Parcel Select package receives on-time performance,” said Chief Operating Officer Dave Williams.

Full-Service Mail Quality Metric Assessments and Mailer Scorecard Hotline Webinar

In May 2016, the Postal Service announced the postponement of the July 2016 Full-Service assessments to allow the industry additional time to access, utilize, and test the Full-Service Quality Metrics within the Mailer Scorecard. The Postal Service has worked closely with the industry to complete the testing. The USPS will begin assessments of Full-Service Mail Quality Metrics over the established threshold beginning in November 2016, based on October 2016 data. Full-Service Assessment is a removal of the Full-Service discount on pieces exceeding a Full-Service Mail Quality metric threshold within a calendar month. Reference section 4.2.2 Full Service Verifications via the following link to access information on the assessable metrics: Guide to Streamlined Mail Acceptance For Letters and Flats Reporting

To ensure mailers are prepared for the October 2016 assessment date, the Postal Service will continue outreach to every mailer and support the Mailer Scorecard Hotline calls. We encourage mailers to access the Full-Service Mail Quality Metrics and reach out to local USPS BMEU staff for assistance. Any irregularities or questions with the Mailer Scorecard should be reported through the webinar hotline calls, PostalOne! Helpdesk at 800-522-9085 or via email at postalone@usps.gov. Include the phrase “Mailer Scorecard” in the subject line of the email.

Below is dial-in information for the Mailer Scorecard Hotline Webinar that will be held every **Wednesday and Friday at 2PM (EDT)** through **October 2016**.

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**Attendee Information**

**US/Canada Attendee Dial-In:** 1-855-860-7461
**Conference Code:** 867 702 1992

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**Program Update: IMb Tracing and PostalOne! Migration to Informed Visibility – Release 1 - Pilot**

Attention IMb Tracing® and PostalOne!® Customers:

The Postal Service is gearing up to kickoff our Release 1 Pilot. On Thursday, September 8, 2016, the Postal Service will begin piloting the mail tracking migration of IMb Tracing® and PostalOne!® container and handling unit visibility to Informed Visibility™ (IV™). The pilot will conclude on September 23, 2016 with national rollout to follow shortly after a review of the pilot feedback is conducted. We will provide an update regarding the status of the pilot and national rollout on September 19.

Mail Tracking & Reporting features and capabilities will be deployed over the next year in a series of releases:

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**Note:** Mail tracking for packages and special services is not impacted and will continue to be supported through the Product Tracking System and USPS.com.

The IV system will deliver critical service offerings to the mailing industry. IV will provide a convenient single-source for mail tracking, providing near real-time expanded visibility as mail moves through the mailstream, increasing the value of mail, and enabling our customers to better plan their mailing campaigns and resources.

We will keep customers fully informed of all migration efforts and any changes that may occur during the course of the deployment. Over the next few weeks, current IMb Tracing and PostalOne!® container and handling unit customers will receive a series of communications. The first message will provide a step-by-step guide to what communications current customers should expect and what actions they should perform before, during, and after the migration to IV.

To learn more about IV and the upcoming migration or for a complete look at the IV Mail Tracking & Reporting Release Roadmap, visit the [IV RIBBS® webpage](https://www.usps.com/IVRIBBS).

If you have questions, please contact the IMb Tracing/Informed Visibility Help Desk at 1-800-238-3150, Option #2, or email [InformedVisibility@usps.gov](mailto:InformedVisibility@usps.gov).

**Coming to a local PCC near you! Postal Customers Council Week events!**
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Manifest Mailing System Keyline Price Category Abbreviations
DMM Revision: New PS Form 2976-R, USPS Customs Declaration and Dispatch Note
IMM Revision: Two New Customs Forms — PS Form 2976-R and PS Form 2976-ES

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DMM Revision: Registered COD
DMM Revision: Customized MarketMail
IMM Revision: Retention Period for Inbound- International Mail Items
IMM Revision: Global Direct Entry Wholesale - Program
IMM Revision: Suspension of Priority Mail - Express International with Money-Back Guarantee - Service to Germany

Additional Resources:
FRN: Federal Register Notice
PB: Postal Bulletin
PE: Postal Explorer is a mailer’s resource for all information contained in the Domestic Mail Manual (DMM), International Mail Manual (IMM), Publication 52, Hazardous, Restricted, and Perishable Mail.

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