



LSC COMMUNICATIONS

2023 USPS MAILING PROMOTIONS



IMPORTANT DETAILS

- New 2023 technical and participation guides are posted for 3/6 promotions.
 - *POSTALPRO* web site: <https://postalpro.usps.com/promotions>.
- Participants must upload mail piece samples to Mailing Promotions Portal for pre-approval.
Do not email (even if approved in past years).
- One promotion discount is applied per mailpiece or mailing.
- Promotions overlap, so identify which is best for your ROI
- Promotion discounts can be applied to qualifying pieces within a combined or commingled mailing.
- Mail must be tendered for acceptance during the promotion period.
- The promotion must be claimed at time of mailing, there will be no rebating at a later date.



2023 PROMOTIONS – WHAT'S NEW

TACTILE, SENSORY, INTERACTIVE

- Discount: Increase
- New eligibility: Scent on the outside of the envelope



Discount: 5%

PERSONALIZED COLOR TRANSPROMO

- Timeframe: Moved from Jul – Dec to Feb – Jul
- Eligibility: Add CRM/BRM inclusion incentive
- Discount: Add tier for reply mail inclusion



Discount: 3% or 4%

EMERGING TECHNOLOGY (NOW INCLUDES MOBILE SHOPPING)

- Combined promotions
- Timeframe: Increase to 7 mos. (*May – Nov*)
- Discount: Increase tier pricing



Discount: 3% or 4%

REPLY MAIL IMBA



- Encourage reply mail customers to adopt IMbA static or serialized barcodes.



Discount: 3% or 6%
(on inbound reply mailpiece scanned)

INFORMED DELIVERY®

- Incentive for eDoc submitters



Discount Mailers: 4%
eDoc Submitter: 0.5%

RETARGETING



- Incentivizes marketers to send out a postcard to a recent website or mobile app visitor that didn't convert.



Discount: 5%

2023 PROMOTIONS CALENDAR



USPS Marketing Mail® and First-Class® Mail Products



First-Class® Mail Service



Registration Period



Promotion Period

PROMOTIONS	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	
TACTILE, SENSORY AND INTERACTIVE		JAN 9	FEB 1					JUL 31						
PERSONALIZED COLOR TRANSPROMO		JAN 9	FEB 1					JUL 31						
EMERGING TECHNOLOGY <small>(now includes Mobile Shopping)</small>				MAR 15					MAY 1	NOV 30				
REPLY MAIL IMbA™						MAY 15					JUL 1	DEC 31		
INFORMED DELIVERY®							JUN 15					AUG 1	DEC 31	
RETARGETING								JUL 15			SEPT 1	NOV 30		

NOTE: New promotion periods for all original promotions except Informed Delivery. Emerging Technology now extended to seven months.

MAILING PROMOTIONS PORTAL

Mailing Promotions Portal



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Mailpiece Preapproval Form

* Promotion Type

--None--

--None--

- Tactile Sensory Interactive Engagement
- Emerging & Advanced Technology Promotion
- Personalized Color Transpromo Promotion
- Mobile Shopping Promotion
- Informed Delivery Promotion



TACTILE, SENSORY AND INTERACTIVE PROMOTION (TSI)



Registration: Jan 9th, 2023

Promotion Runs: Feb 1st – Jul 31st

Includes: Marketing Mail letters & flats and First-Class letters & flats.

Discount level: increased from 4% to 5%



Encourages innovative techniques and treatments to drive response

Three categories:

- Specialty inks & paper
- Sensory treatments
- Interactive elements (pop-ups, infinite folds, dimensional treatments)

New Approval process:

- Submit through Mail Promotions Portal (MPP)
- Print service request ticket
- Mail one week before mailing



Ineligible:

Treatments that do not:


- Appear visible or distinguishable
- Enhance engagement of marketing message
- Blow in cards, stickers, inserts, order forms or reply envelopes





TACTILE, SENSORY AND INTERACTIVE PROMOTION (TSI)

NEW!

5% DISCOUNT Tactile, Sensory, Interactive Promotion


Specialty Inks
Catch your customer's eye with unexpected sheens, special effects, and reactive colors


Sensory Treatments
Use unique treatments and paper substrates to trigger memorable experiences


Interactive Elements
Expand the experiential dimensions of your pieces through consumer interactions

How to apply for promotion:

1

Log in to Mailing Promotions Portal.

2

Select "Submit mail piece preapproval." Follow instructions and upload an image to your sample.

3

Read the mailing instructions page. A service request (SR) will be generated. Select "Print Submission Letter" and include that letter in your mailing of the sample.

4

Send your mailing. Once received, a program manager will review it and provide a decision. You will be notified via email and can also check within the MPP.

5

Direct questions to the Mailing Promotions Portal Questions tab.

6

Pieces may be submitted as early as December 15th.

Detailed guide with Eligibility overview, and promotion process posted on POSTALPRO Å

<https://postalpro.usps.com/promotions/2023-tsi>



TACTILE, SENSORY AND INTERACTIVE PROMOTION (TSI)

These techniques can be applied on the envelope, cover, or inside the mail piece



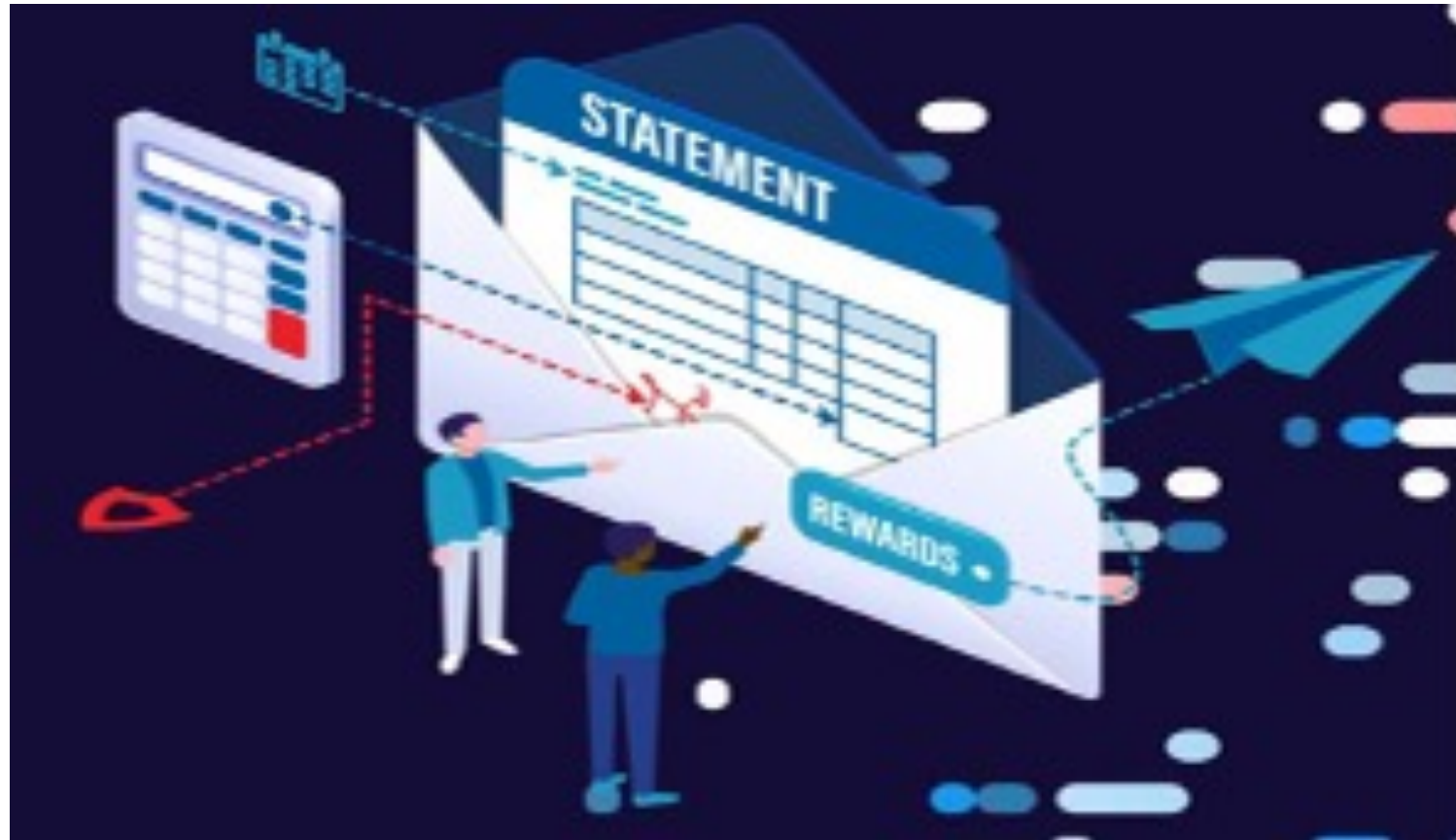
ELIGIBILITY

- Examples of applications are below. Full list of eligible/ineligible treatments can be found here - postalpro.usps.com/promotions/2023-tsi

Eligible	Ineligible
Gloss varnish	Reply envelopes
Embossed paper	Order forms
Scented varnishes	Mail diversion
Metallic inks	Geometric (simple) die-cuts
Clean release cards	Simple folds
Soft touch	Blow-in cards
Holographic stickers	Greeting cards
Trailing Edge Die-Cuts	Samples of products
Pop-Ups	Clear ink
Complex folds	



PERSONALIZED COLOR TRANSPROMO



Designed to highlight marketing messages using color incorporated in bills and statements.

- Provide a reply mechanism via BRM/CRM to easily collect responses to receive a 4% discount.

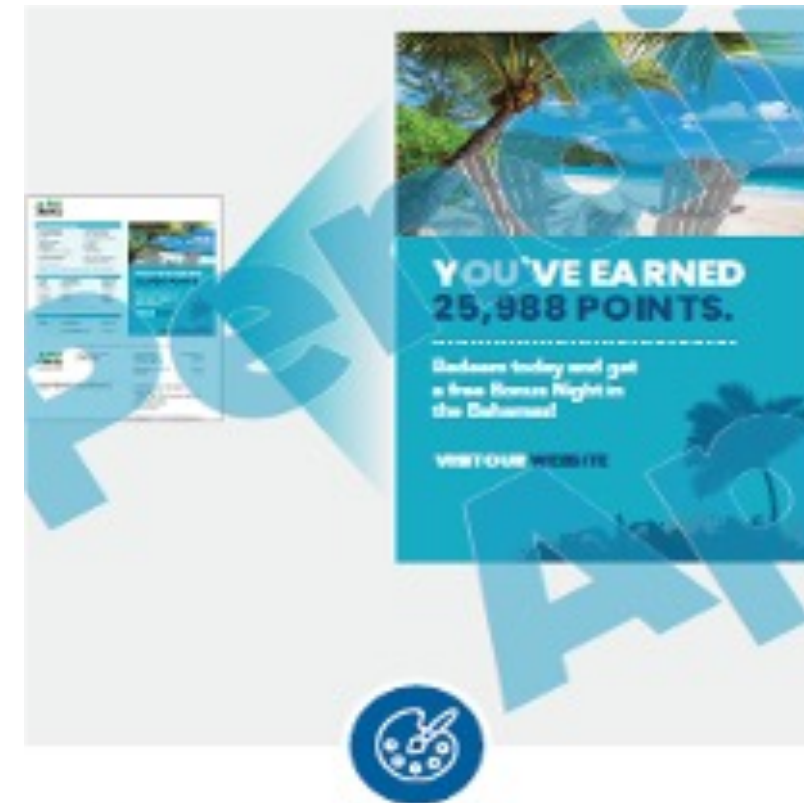
Registration: Dec 15th, 2023

Promotion Runs: Feb 1st – Jul 31st

Includes: Qualifying First-Class Mail presort and automation letters (bills and statements)

Discount level: 3% to 4%

NEW!



Personalized full color marketing and consumer messaging

Make bills and statements fun by sharing exciting offers with a personal touch

3% DISCOUNT

[SEE PROMOTION DETAILS](#)



Make it simple for your customer to respond with a Business Reply or Courtesy Reply piece

Provide a reply mechanism via BRM/CRM to easily collect responses

4% DISCOUNT

[SEE PROMOTION DETAILS](#)

New 2023 technical & participation guide posted to *POSTALPRO* <https://postalpro.usps.com/promotions/2023-ET?>



EMERGING AND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY

Use the latest digital technologies in mailpiece to create exciting customer experiences

Eight ways to participate, **red receives 4% discount:**

- Enhanced Augmented Reality
- Basic Integration with Voice assistant
- Mobile Shopping (now incorporated)
- **Advanced Integration with Voice assistant**
- **Video in Print Technology**
- **Near Field Communication**
- **Mixed Reality**
- **Virtual Reality**



Registration: March 15th, 2023






Promotion Runs: May 1st – Nov 30th

Includes: Marketing Mail letters & flats and

First-Class letters & flats

Discount level: 3% to 4%



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EMERGING AND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY

All promotions require included directional copy with the technology trigger

The infographic is divided into two main sections. The top section, titled '3% DISCOUNT Emerging and Advanced Technologies', features three technology categories: 'Enhanced' Augmented Reality, Basic Integration with Voice Assistant, and Mobile Shopping. The bottom section, titled '4% DISCOUNT Enhanced Emerging Technologies', features four technology categories: Advanced Integration with Voice Assistant, Video in Print Technology, Near Field Communication, and Mixed Reality. Each category includes an icon, a title, and a brief description of the technology's application.

3% DISCOUNT Emerging and Advanced Technologies

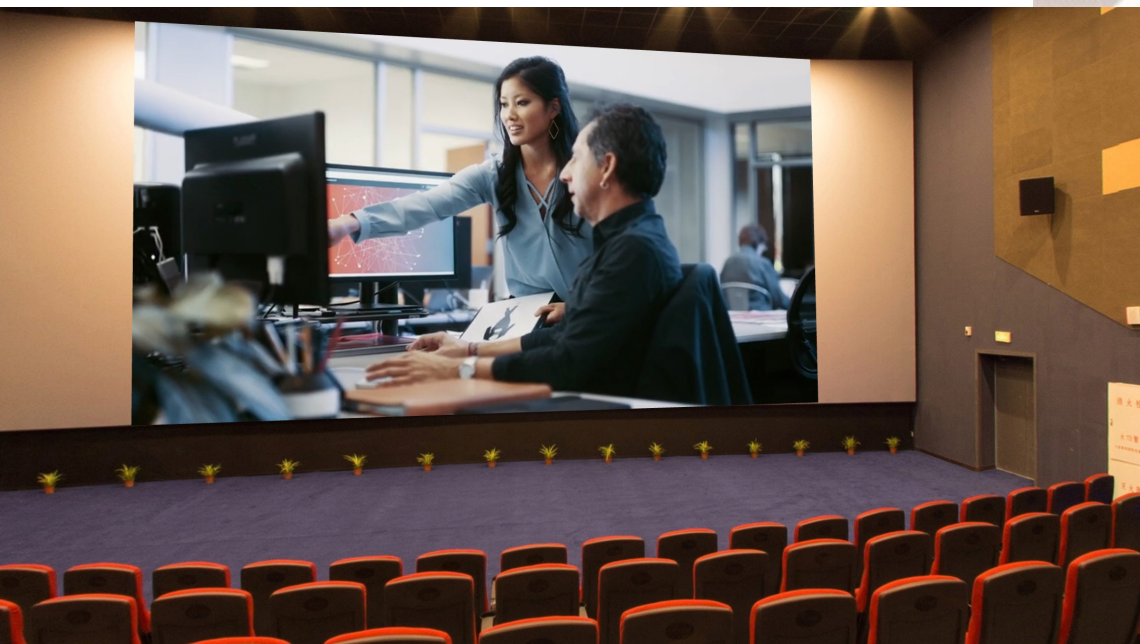
- "Enhanced" Augmented Reality**
show real world objects using 3D digital images
- Basic Integration with Voice Assistant**
use basic voice commands to guide exploration
- Mobile Shopping**
make your direct mail a catalyst for consumer purchases

4% DISCOUNT Enhanced Emerging Technologies

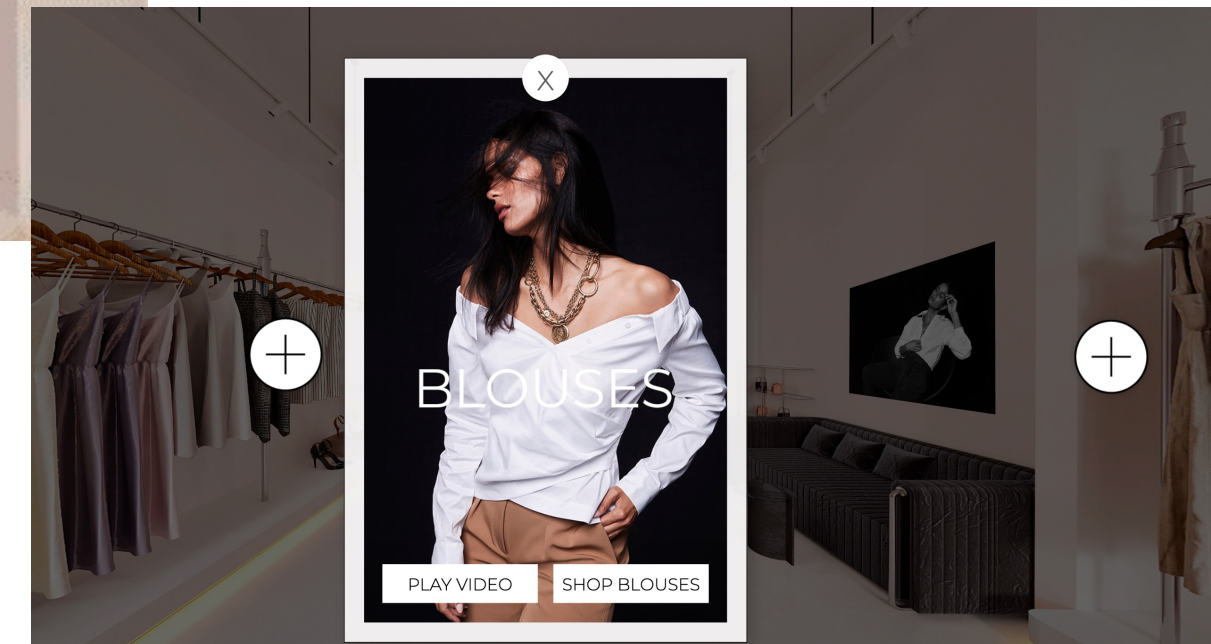
- Advanced Integration with Voice Assistant**
guide an experience through advanced voice commands
- Video in Print Technology**
create a mailable, interactive video experience
- Near Field Communication**
chip enabled mailpiece
- Mixed Reality**
blend physical and virtual spaces
- Virtual Reality**
craft experiences that take place in the artificial world



ENHANCED EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES & VR/MR



Sample Experiences





NEW REPLY MAIL IMBA

The user guide has not been published yet.



Registration: May 15th, 2023

Promotion Runs: July 1st – Dec 31st

Includes: Credit will be on the IMbA monthly statement

Discount level: 3% or 6% based on unique serialized barcode

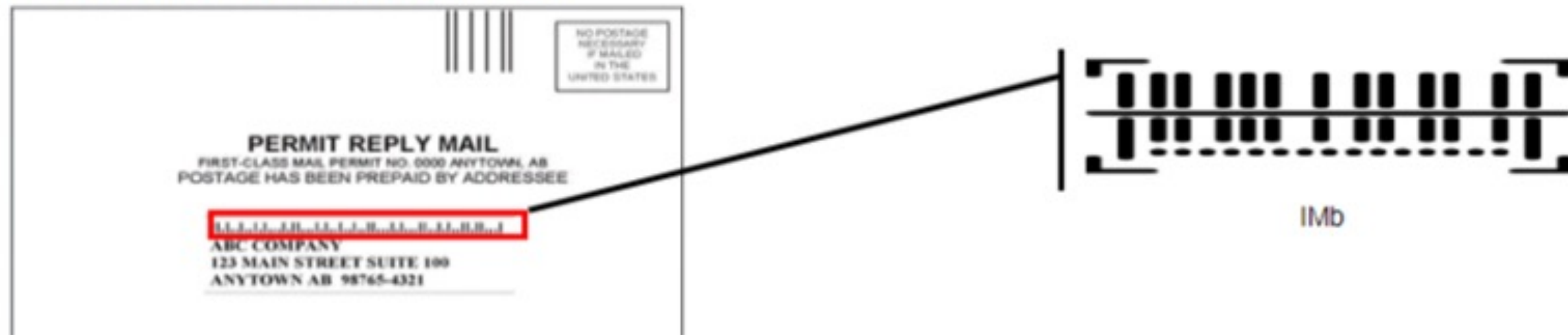
- Earned Value Promotion is retired, and new IMbA promotion launches this year.
- Reply Mail IMbA promotion provided 3% discount for mailers using static IMbA on qualifying postage for First-Class Mail presort and automation letters sent during the established period.
- Mailers receive a 6% discount if using serialized IMbA. Mailers must enroll to participate.





NEW REPLY MAIL IMBA

Qualified Business Reply Mail (QBRM) is Business Reply Mail that utilizes the enhanced processing capability of Intelligent Mail barcode Accounting (IMbA) to reduce processing times and ensure QBRM mailers receive reply mail and invoices quickly. IMbA is an automated solution for the counting, rating, invoicing, and billing processes. Using the Intelligent Mail barcode (IMb) on the mailpiece, mail processing equipment counts are linked to the mailer and sent directly to *PostalOne!*[®]



Specifications for Using QBRM

- Establish a QBRM permit at a local post office or BMEU
- Receive a unique ZIP + 4 Code for each QBRM mail type (postcard, 1 or 2 oz. mailpiece)
- Request artwork for your QBRM pieces and submit 10 samples and a copy of PS Form 6805 for approval to your local post office or BMEU
- Remember to keep your per-piece weight to Post-card, 1 ounce, 2 ounce.
- 3% postage discount for using static IM barcode
- 6% discount when using a uniquely serialized IM barcode



INFORMED DELIVERY

The user guide has not been published yet- below are guidelines from 2022 promotion



Registration: June 15th, 2023

Promotion Runs: Aug 1st – Dec 31st

Includes: Qualifying Marketing Mail letters & flats and First-Class letters, cards & flats

Discount level: Remains at 4%

Encourages mailers to incorporate informed delivery into direct mail to create positive consumer experience

Required for all submissions: Steps to promotion:

- Ride-along image
- Call-to-action
- Live working URL

Required for all flat mail:

- Representative image (in color)
- PDF of the front & back of the physical mailpiece

(LSC managed as a service offering)

- Obtain approval from USPS
- Register CRID for promotion in BCG
- Create campaign in BCG Portal
- Load target URL, Representative Image, and Ride Along Image
- File updates of serial number range, MID, start/end date, ID code
- Mail on 5d CR/HD pallets will again be eligible



NEW!

NEW RETARGET

The user guide has not been published yet.

Provides 5% discount on for First-Class Mail automation postcards that are mailed in connection with website or app behavior during program period.

- Preapproval before participation.
- Must use directional copy to guide user to image.



Registration: July 15th, 2023

Promotion Runs: Sep 1st – Nov 30th

Includes: First-Class Postcards

Discount level: 5%

NEW!

More to come upon release of USPS promotion participation technical guide





QUESTIONS?



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