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U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

FORM
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DUE DATE

2004 SERVICE ANNUAL SURVEY

DIRECT MAIL ADVERTISING

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NOTICE — Your report to the Census Bureau is **confidential** by law (Title 13, U.S. Code). It may be seen only by persons sworn to uphold the confidentiality of Census Bureau information and may be used only for statistical purposes. The law also provides that copies retained in your files are **immune from legal process.**

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U.S. CENSUS BUREAU
1201 East 10th Street
Jeffersonville, IN 47132-0001

Any questions call 1–800–772–7851 weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST

(Please correct any error in name, address, or ZIP Code)

YOUR RESPONSE IS REQUIRED BY LAW. Title 13, U.S. Code, requires businesses and other organizations that receive this questionnaire to answer the questions and return the report to the Census Bureau.

Item 1 **SURVEY COVERAGE**

This report covers all domestic locations operated by your company and its subsidiaries primarily engaged in providing direct mail advertising services. Activities include creating and designing advertising campaigns for direct mail or other direct distribution; preparing advertising materials for mailing or other direct distribution; and compiling, maintaining, selling, and renting mailing lists.

Does this firm have domestic locations providing one of the business activities described in the survey coverage above?

0001 1 ☐ Yes – *Continue with Item 3*
2 ☐ No – *Specify your business activity and continue with Item 3, and complete as much of the survey form as possible.*

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Item 2 **NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS FORM**

Item 3 **REPORT PERIOD**

Mark (X) the one box which best describes the period covered by your report.

If the data reported are for a period other than the "calendar year," please enter the beginning and ending dates.

0006 1 ☐ Calendar year – *Go to Item 4A*
2 ☐ Fiscal year
3 ☐ Less than 12 months

	2004		
	Month	Day	Year
From	0007		
To	0008		

Item 4A OPERATING REVENUE

An estimate is acceptable if a book figure is not available.

Exclude intracompany transfers.

Do not combine data for two or more detail lines.

Enter "0" in items where applicable.

Line 1 – Report revenue from providing all the services of a direct mail advertising campaign from the concept development through the actual mailout. **Include** identifying the target group, developing the strategy, designing the mailout package, printing and assembling the package, and mailing the package.

Line 2 – Report revenue from developing the plan for a direct mail advertising campaign. **Include** identifying the target group, developing the strategy, and designing the mailout package. The plan is a separate product that may then be implemented by the same direct mail agency or by a third party.

Line 3 – Report revenue from creating an electronic list of names, addresses, and other relevant information of a target group specified by the client, as an end-product or as input to a direct mail advertising mailout. **Include** procuring lists, as necessary, from third parties and/or using lists provided by the client; and/or maintained by the direct mail advertising agency, and conducting other data processing operations necessary to create the specified final list.

Line 4 – Report revenue from printing the mailing pieces for a direct mail advertising package, such as the letters, flyers, brochures, coupons, advertisements, envelopes, shipping labels, etc.

Line 5 – Report revenue from preparing the mailout packages and delivering them to a mail facility or other distribution center. **Include** folding, addressing and personalizing, inserting, and affixing postage.

Line 6 – Report revenue from picking, packaging, and mailing merchandise ordered through response to a direct mail advertising campaign.

Line 7 – Report all other direct mail advertising services. **Include** design of the mailing package materials, proofreading the mailing package materials, selling mailing lists and databases for direct mail use, and receiving and making telephone calls related to a direct mail campaign.

Line 8 – Report all other operating revenue. **Include** sale or licensing of merchandise and rental or leasing of equipment.

	Key code	2004 Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.
1. Full Direct Mail Services	**1447**				
2. Concept Development for a Direct Mail Advertising Campaign	**1449**				
3. Mail List Creation and Support Services	**1450**				
4. Print Services for Direct Mail Advertising Materials	**1451**				
5. Letter Shop Services	**1452**				
6. Fulfillment Services	**1453**				
7. Other Direct Mail Advertising Services	**1440**				
8. All Other Operating Revenue – If this item is greater than 20% of total operating revenue, specify 1560	**749**				
9. TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE *(Sum of lines 1–8)*	**002**				

Item 4B E-COMMERCE RECEIPTS/REVENUE

Report sales and receipts from any transaction completed over an Internet, extranet, EDI network, electronic mail or other online system. Transactions are agreements between buyers and sellers to transfer ownership of, or rights to use, goods or services. Payment for these goods and services may or may not be made online. Please see the General Instruction sheet for further clarification before completing this item.

An estimate is acceptable if a book figure is not available.

1. Did your firm have e-commerce receipts/revenue during 2004? 0011

1 ☐ Yes – *Enter the date your firm began e-commerce sales.* → 0010

Month (i.e., June=06)	Year (i.e., 2004=04)

2 ☐ No – *Continue to Item 4C.*

	Key code	2004 Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.
2. What was your firm's e-commerce receipts/revenue for 2004? (**Include** e-commerce receipts/revenue in Item 4A. **Exclude** sales taxes.) →	**005**				

Item 4C OPERATING EXPENSES

1. Cost of Contract Labor

Line 1 – Report payments made to suppliers for leased employees and temporary help such as office workers, provided they are **not on your payroll**, but **are supervised** by your firm. **Exclude** payments for services of persons supervised by the supplying firm, such as legal, accounting, janitorial, security, and building maintenance services.

2. Expensed Materials and Supplies (not for resale)

Line 2a – Report the cost of expensed computer hardware and packaged software. **Include** hardware such as servers, CPUs, monitors, and network devices; computer software purchased under licensing agreements, and computer software license fees; and other expensed business equipment, such as copiers, fax machines, and telephones. **Exclude** leased and/or rented equipment.

Line 2b – Report the cost of expensed materials, parts, and supplies, which are used as part of the services you provide. **Include** office and janitorial supplies, small tools, computer-related supplies (such as cartridges and computer paper), packaging and containers, and medical supplies. **Exclude** fuels for motor vehicles, and leased and/or rented materials, parts, and supplies.

3. Expensed Purchased Services

Line 3a – Report the cost of expensed custom coded software. **Include** computer-related services such as adaptation of off-the-shelf software, system design and support services, web design, and web hosting. **Exclude** computer-related communications costs.

Line 3b – Report the cost of data processing, computer consulting, and other purchased computer services. **Include** computer input preparation, data storage, computer time rental, microfilm imaging, and optical scanning services. **Exclude** payroll processing, credit card transaction fees, and fees for the management and operation of your data processing facilities.

Line 3c – Report the cost of telephone, cellular, pagers, and fax services; and computer-related communications such as Internet, connectivity, on-line, and other communication services.

Line 3d – Report the cost of purchased electricity. If electricity is included in a lease or rental payment, report these costs below.

Line 3e – Report the cost of purchased fuels for heating, power, and generating electricity. **Include** the cost of natural gas. If the cost of fuels are included in a lease or rental payment, report these costs below.

Line 3f – Report the cost of administrative and professional services such as management consulting, legal, accounting, auditing, bookkeeping, actuarial, payroll processing, marketing, advertising, architectural, engineering, and fees for the management and operation of your data processing facilities.

Line 3g – Report lease and rental costs for land, buildings, offices, structures, machinery, and equipment. **Include** lease and rental of transportation equipment without operators; and penalties incurred for broken leases. **Exclude** payments by your firm to your parent company or organization (or any of its subsidiaries) for use of assets owned by them and installment payments for assets obtained through capital lease agreements.

Line 3h – Include purchased transportation (with operators); travel and lodging; shipping and warehousing; postage and package delivery; water, sewer, and refuse removal; janitorial, security, parking, and grounds maintenance; purchased repair and maintenance; and all other purchased services. **Exclude** annual payroll, employer's contributions to employee benefits plans, fuels for motor vehicles, insurance, depreciation, taxes and licenses, bank charges associated with maintaining accounts, investment and brokerage fees, and credit card transaction fees.

Line 4 – Include annual payroll on a **cash** basis, employer's contributions to employee benefits plans on a **cash** basis, fuels for motor vehicles, insurance, depreciation, taxes and licenses, bank charges associated with maintaining accounts, investment and brokerage fees, credit card transaction fees, royalties, and all other operating expenses. **Exclude** interest expense.

An estimate is acceptable if a book figure is not available.

Include only purchases from external vendors.

Exclude capitalized costs.

	Key code	2004 Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.
1. Cost of Contract Labor	**1287**				
2. Expensed Materials and Supplies (not for resale)					
a. Computer and other business equipment and supplies (including packaged software)	**1299**				
b. Other materials, parts, and supplies	**1300**				
3. Expensed Purchased Services					
a. Custom coded software (including adaptation of off-the-shelf software) and system design and support services	**1302**				
b. Data processing and other purchased computer services	**1303**				
c. Purchased communication services	**1282**				
d. Purchased electricity	**1283**				
e. Purchased fuels (except motor fuels)	**1304**				
f. Purchased management consulting, administrative services, and other professional services	**1305**				
g. Lease and rental payments	**807**				
h. All other purchased services	**1307**				
4. Other Operating Expenses	**1385**				
5. TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES *(Sum of lines 1–4)*	**003**				

Item 5 **NUMBER OF LOCATIONS**

Enter the total number of service locations covered by this report as of December 31, 2004. →	2004 Number
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Item 6 **OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL**

a. Does another firm own more than 50 percent of the voting stock or have the power to control the management and policies of this company?

0013 1 ☐ Yes →
2 ☐ No

0014 Name of owning or controlling company

Number and street

City, State, and ZIP Code

EIN → 0015 ___ – ___

b. Did this firm acquire or merge with another company during 2004?

0016 1 ☐ Yes →
2 ☐ No

0017 Name of company acquired or merged with

Number and street

City, State, and ZIP Code

Date of merger or acquisition → 0018 Month ___ Year ___

EIN → 0019 ___ – ___

Item 7 **REMARKS –** ***Please use this space for any explanations that may be helpful in understanding your reported data. For any separate correspondence pertaining to this report, please include the IDENTIFICATION number shown in the address label area or at the top of the page.***

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Item 8 **CERTIFICATION –** This report is substantially accurate and has been prepared in accordance with instructions.

0020 Name of person completing this report – *Please print*	0024 Title	0025 Date

0021 Address *(Number and street, city, State, ZIP Code)*

0022 Telephone			0023 Fax			0026 E-mail address
Area code	Number	Extension	Area code	Number	Extension	

Please return the completed form in the enclosed envelope.
If you prefer, you may fax the completed form to 1–800–447–4613.

To see the results of previous Service Annual Surveys, go to the following website:
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SERVICE ANNUAL SURVEY
GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Your report should be completed and returned in the preaddressed envelope provided on or before the due date. **If the report does not appear to apply to your kind of business or activity, describe your business or activity in Item 1 and complete the remainder of the form as accurately as possible.**

If filing within the required time frame will cause an undue burden and you would like an extension, or if you have any questions, please write to the

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or call our Census Bureau representative in Jeffersonville, Indiana at 1–800–772–7851, weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., eastern time.

Always include your identification number, located in the address label, in any correspondence.

IF BOOK FIGURES ARE NOT AVAILABLE, ESTIMATES ARE ACCEPTABLE.

Please read all instructions before making your entries.

Report data for the calendar year specified. If calendar year records are not available, we will accept fiscal year data. Please note, however, that we prefer estimates for the calendar year to book figures covering a different time period. Report all values in dollars (omit cents). Enter "0" in items where appropriate. Please do not combine data for two or more items.

For location(s) sold or acquired during the year specified, report only for the period that the locations were operated by this firm.

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

Taxable Firms

Revenue

Report revenue for all services rendered and any sales of merchandise for the calendar year specified, even though payment may have been received at a later date. **Firms operating on a commission basis should report commissions, fees, and other operating income, not gross billings or sales.**

Include –

- Total value of service contracts.
- Amounts received for work subcontracted to others.
- Market value of compensation in lieu of cash.
- Revenue from services performed by domestic locations for FOREIGN parent firms, subsidiaries, branches, etc.
- Dues and assessments from members and affiliates.

Exclude –

- Taxes (sales, amusement, occupancy, use, or other) collected directly from customers or clients and paid directly to a local, State, or Federal tax agency.
- Revenue from a domestic parent organization, or from franchise locations owned by others and any franchise or license fees.
- Rents from and revenue of separately operated departments, concessions, etc., which are leased to others.
- Revenue from customers for carrying or other credit charges.
- Commissions from vending machine operators.
- Revenue of foreign subsidiaries (those located outside the U.S., i.e., outside the 50 states, District of Columbia, U.S. Commonwealth Territories, or U.S. Possessions).
- Nonoperating revenue such as income from investments, sales of company-owned real estate (land and building), or other assets, (except inventory held for resale), securities, gifts, loans, contributions, royalties, or grants.
- Revenue from the sale of used equipment.
- Installment payments from leasing under capital, finance, or full-payout leases.
- Intracompany transfers.
- Interest income.

SERVICE ANNUAL SURVEY
SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS – Continued

Tax-Exempt Firms

Revenue

Except for firms operating on a commission basis, report revenue for all services rendered and any sales of merchandise for the calendar year specified, even though payment may have been received at a later date. **Firms operating on a commission basis should report commissions, fees, and other operating income, not gross billings or sales.**

Include –

- Program service revenue for services provided in 2004, whether or not payment was received in 2004.
- Gross sales of merchandise, minus returns and allowances.
- Income from interest, dividends, gross rents (including display space rentals and share of receipts from departments operated by other companies), royalties, and other investments.
- Net gains (or losses) from the sale of real estate (land and buildings), investments, or other assets (except inventory held for resale).
- Gross contributions, gifts, and grants (whether or not restricted for use in operations).
- Dues and assessments from members and affiliates.
- Commissions earned from the sale of merchandise owned by others (including commissions from vending machine operators).
- Gross receipts from fundraising activities.

Exclude –

- Sales and other taxes collected directly from customers or clients and paid directly to a local, State, or Federal tax agency.
- Gross receipts of departments or concessions operated by other companies.
- Amounts transferred to operating funds from capital or reserve funds.

Expenses

Report costs incurred during the survey year specified even though payments may have been made at a later date.

Include –

- Payroll and employee benefits.
- Interest and rent expenses.
- Supplies used for operating your business, cost of merchandise sold, and other expenses allocated to operations during the year.
- Contracted or purchased services.
- Fees paid to other organizations for fundraising.
- Depreciation expenses.
- Expenses of locations providing support services (e.g., repair services, administrative services, etc.) for your service establishments.

Exclude –

- Sales and other taxes collected directly from customers or clients and paid directly to a local, State, or Federal tax agency.
- Outlays for the purchase of real estate (land and buildings); for construction; for additions, major alterations, and improvements to existing facilities; and all other capital expenditures.
- Funds invested.
- Income taxes.
- Assessments (dues) paid to the parent or other chapters of the same organization.
- **For firms engaged in raising funds –** Funds which are transferred to charities or other organizations.

All Firms

E-commerce Revenue

(In the following instructions, online refers to any transaction completed over an Internet, extranet, EDI network, electronic mail or other online system.)

Include –

- Revenue from online orders for goods or services placed by a buyer.
- Revenue from online services provided where charges are based on the usage of those services (e.g., commissions or fees from use of computerized reservation systems, financial transaction processing systems, etc.)
- Commissions or fees from the trading of securities or the sale of other financial products online (e.g., insurance, loans, etc.).
- Commissions or fees from selling or from facilitating the sale of third party products (e.g., click-through including referral fees) through your company's Web site.
- Revenue from orders or contracts negotiated online with a buyer and seller on the price and terms for transferring ownership or the rights to use goods or services.
- Revenue from telephone transactions using interactive voice response systems.

Exclude – revenue from:

- Online billings where the order or contract was not negotiated online.
- Delivery of services online where the order or contract was not negotiated online.
- Provision of telecommunications and related infrastructure systems (e.g., data transfer, Web hosting, Internet access) where the order or contract for such services was not negotiated online.
- Orders for goods or services placed by facsimile machine or over switched telephone network.