

# Delivering Results, putting Theory into Practice – Corporate Geodemographics in Action









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#### Information Arts (UK) Ltd

- B2B database marketing is our <u>core</u> business!
- Formed in 1999
- Quickly established as the UK's leading B2B database marketing company
- Directors and senior management known industry experts
- Blend consultative solutions led approach with high added value delivery – 'actionable consultancy'
- Help companies to make more effective use of data to achieve desired commercial outcomes
- Chosen expert partner of leading blue chip clients and suppliers
- Respected as industry leader in added value services and for innovation





#### What we do

Provide cost effective, independent and expert data driven solutions that help our clients to devise, implement and measure effective programmes to:

- Improve lead generation and acquisition
- Reduce churn, improve retention and customer development
- Support operations

...through the development of database solutions that leverage all resources

- UK and Pan European
- Advocating best practise approach for CRM and PRM





#### Federal Express Europe Inc

- Worlds largest express transportation company
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> largest airline 662 aircraft serving 365 airports
  - Average package volume 3.3 million packs daily
  - Employs more than 148,000 worldwide
- UK Direct served area
  - Covers approx 80% of GDP
  - Flight points into London / Dublin / Manchester / Glasgow





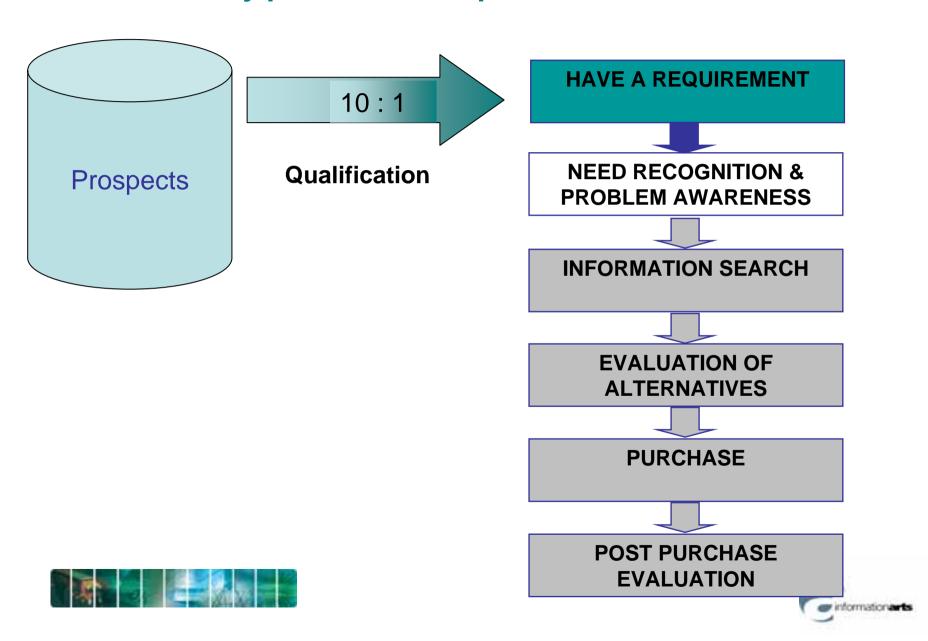
# Campaign Structure

- Customers:
  - 5 Pan European campaigns 13 countries
  - Numerous 'local' tactical lead generation campaigns
  - DM and inbound some prioritised outbound TM follow up
- Prospects
  - Campaign specific and ongoing to support Sales
  - Targeting historically based on 'instinct' by SIC
  - Data screened and qualified by external telemarketing
  - Churn and burn
- ROI measured for all activity
  - Expensive and time consuming





# FedEx Typical Prospect ID Rate



# Objectives for Information Arts

- Strategic
  - "would FedEx be operating the same Direct Served model as it is in the UK given a clean sheet of paper?"
  - Support strategic allocation of marketing and operational investment to reflect UK's true outbound opportunity
- Tactical
  - Improve prospect ID
  - Provide high quality profiled leads for sales channels
  - Reduce costs





#### IA's Solution

- By analysis of existing customers –
- Development of a Market Demand Model (MDM)
  - The companies that are likely to be shippers
  - Calculation of demand for products and services referenced at a small geographical area
- If we know 'where' what business is we can address both sets of objectives
  - using tactically in campaigns to validate before using strategically





# Getting the basics into shape

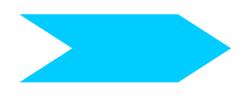
- First required
  - Clean data
  - A single customer view
  - The means to deploy and measure campaigns
- Masses of data 3.3 million packs moved per day worldwide represents a lot of customer transactions
- US based bespoke customer record structure
  - 3 address lines + numeric postcode
  - required extensive downstream fixes
- Held at account (not customer) level





#### Examples

Terry Farrell Partnership
Terry Farrell Partnership
\*\*\*PLS SEE COMMENTS\*\*\*
7 Hatton St
London
NW8



Mr Terry Farrell
Terry Farrell Partnership
7 Hatton Street
London
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Kelly. Ian
LIS Warehouse Systems Ltd
Beacon Hse, Beacon Bus Pk,
Ibstone Rd,
Stokenchurch Bucks
HP14





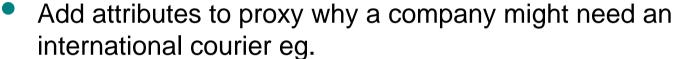
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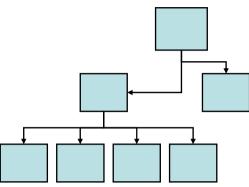
# Single Customer View

- Organise the data in context
- Created single customer view
  - Master & slave structure



- Company size
- SIC
- Turnover
- Company age
- GIC
- DNA
- etc
- Build an environment to hold the data







# Modelling Stage

- Developed model of UK outbound demand at a small geographic level – based on enhanced *customer* data and transactions history
  - for direct served area only
- Analysed customer value, volumes and product mix by destination
- Extrapolate to non direct served issues using the new business geodemographic tool – GIC
- Validated value and volumes against published research





#### A Quick Overview of GIC





#### Geodemographics background

- Started with Charles Booths poverty map
- Established a principle that households in a small geographic area will share similar characteristics - and therefore – behaviour (proxy needs) – "Birds of a Feather".
- Theory developed for Marketing based on Census data
- Development of the Consumer Geo-demographic classifications from mid 70's
- Rapidly established as industry standard
- Lots of choice!
  - ACORN
  - MOSAIC
  - PRIZM
  - CAMEO
  - And more being created as a result of the 2001 census





#### Business Geodemographics - rationale

- Business location is not necessarily 'birds of a feather'
- But not necessarily always random. Consider:
  - Heavy industry (mining)
  - Financial centres
  - Advertising industry
- Factors effecting business location access to:
  - Markets
  - Suppliers
  - Other elements of supply chain
  - Expertise
- As a result patterns of business development can be identified
- Confirmed by same statistical methods





#### What is GIC?

- GIC is a classification of the business environment referenced at a postcode sector level
- It describes patterns of business characteristics in all areas of the UK – classifying all businesses
- It provides new basis for considering customer behaviour –
   i.e. That geography / location / supply chains may influence consumption and that business similar under usual classifications may have differing consumption requirements
- It does not seek to mirror consumer geodems' theory i.e. that households in same area will be broadly the same





# **GIC** Structure





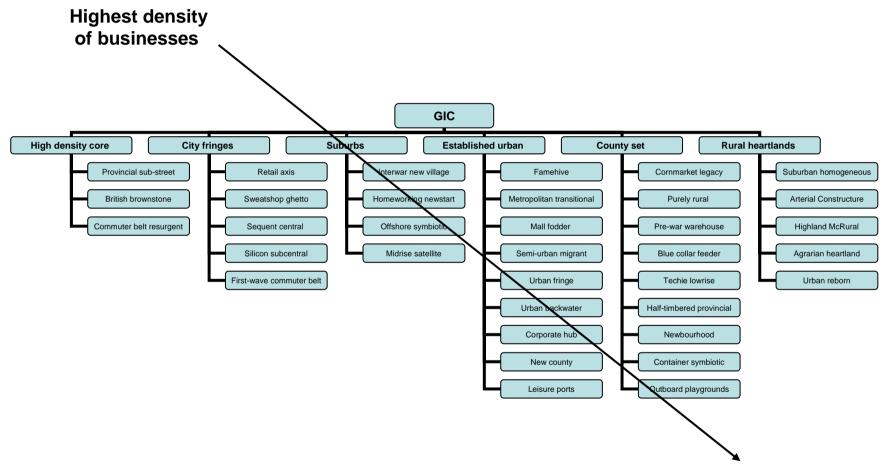
# GIC – 6 groups

Group 1	High density core	Highest Density
Group 2	City fringes	$\downarrow$
Group 3	Suburbs	$\downarrow$
Group 4	Established urban	$\downarrow$
Group 5	County set	$\downarrow$
Group 6	Rural heartlands	Lowest Density





#### GIC - Architecture





Lowest density of businesses



# Code 1 Group 1 Name: Provincial sub-street

With a local business community of decision-making owner-occupiers and professionals, Provincial Sub-street is Everytown's ubiquitous office district, located just out from the central High Street locations usually monopolised by retailers, banks, restaurants and "above-the-shops" offices. Populated by professional partnerships and companies, Provincial Sub-street is the habitat of shopfronted estate agents, management consultants, accountants and solicitors, with little else by way of commercial activity other than the occasional restaurant, IT consultancy and bar - all of which have gravitated to the area to serve its captive local workforce.

Percentage of UK businesses: 12.50%Percentage of UK postal sectors: 4.46%

Typical towns:St. Albans, Halifax

Net Worth index:61

Pre Tax Profit or Loss index:52

Turnover index: 87



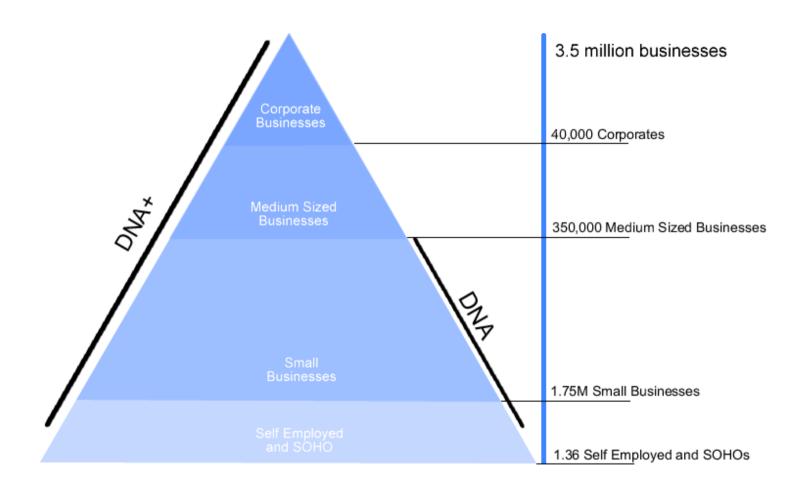


# Defining the right Prospects





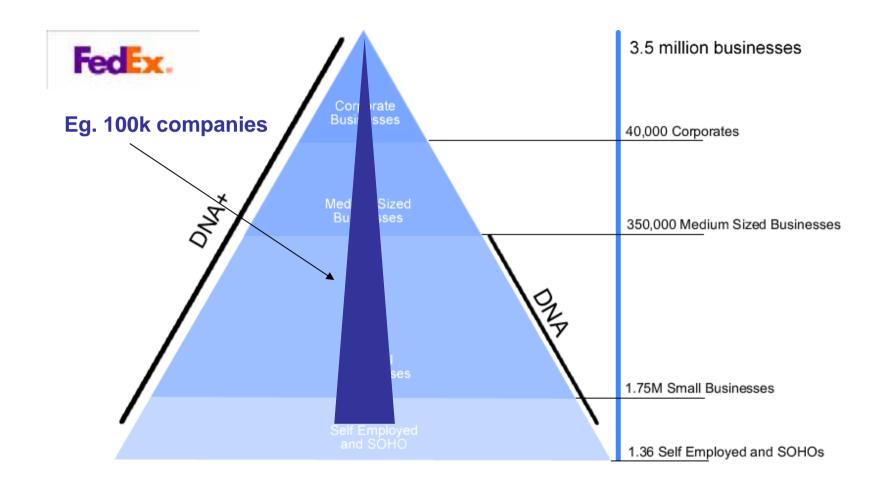
#### **UK Business Universe**







# FedEx Finite Prospect Pool







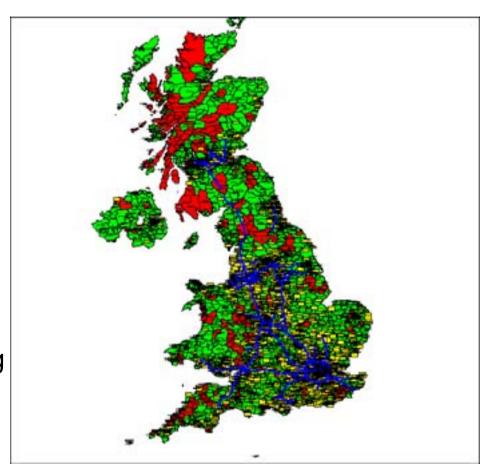
# **Outputs**

#### Tactical

- Defined pool of prospects by key product and destination
- UK Map of potential at postcode sector level

#### Strategic

 Needed to establish effectiveness before applying to strategic tasks







# **Tactical Implementation**

- Met Sales and presented the methodology set expectations
- Reviewed findings in series of small workshops with Marketing and Sales
- Ran interactive queries to the model
- Drip fed prospects for sales qualification and follow up
- Validate against new account profiles
- Tested various qualification script alternatives and contact levels
- Rolled out in large campaigns in 03





# The 'Right Time' Issue

- Also successfully established the prospect nurturing principle triggered by CRM system
  - Companies not in market 'now' are 'managed' through appropriate communications
  - To the point where contract renewal is due
- No need to constantly search for more new prospects the prospect pool contains them all
  - In constant state of development through communications and positive interactions with brand





#### Results to Date

- Transformed all areas of database marketing since 02
- Since 03, prospect ID results now average 6.7 in 10
- Removed entire layer of external tele qualification and associated costs
- Reduced costs of data and associated processing
- Prospect nurturing now an established principle
- Model used to address the objectives of directing strategic marketing investment
  - Underperforming areas
  - New areas of opportunity
  - Network and route expansion





# In Summary

- Be customer centric get a single customer view
- Use targeting systems to establish your finite prospect 'universe'
- Licence the data to hold, and 'sweat'
- Use data driven insight to develop contact strategy and differential communication around contract renewal date
- Develop your data strategy
  - Ensure your DM always seeks to pick up key information
    - In particular, contract renewal date
- Nurture non responders
- Never start anything twice







# Thank you for your attention Any questions?

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