

#### **Operational Excellence—THE Key to MPS Profitability**

Value, innovation, reliability. **Trust**. Doug Johnson SVP—Strategic Businesses



## **Today's Agenda**

- Setting Context--Profitability Barriers
- Supplies Management
  - Risk Factors
  - Mitigating Risk
  - Cutting Costs
  - Examples
- Service Management
  - Risk Factors
  - Mitigating Risk
  - Cutting Costs
  - Examples



"Getting your ducks lined up...."

• Q&A





## **Fact or Fiction?**

"The key to a profitable MPS business is securing deals with high equipment and service/supplies gross margins..."

#### Securing high margins requires:

- Sales training and coaching
- C-level engagements
- Full assessments
- Equipment wrapped into the cost per page





## **The Reality**



#### Strong sales competency IS important. However...

Profitability is *incumbent* upon an equally skilled and competent operational infrastructure:

- Back office (software, talent) for billing and reconciliation
- Efficient break/fix service/dispatch and preventative maintenance
- High quality, cost effectively managed supplies
- Remote, proactive environment monitoring







- Do you know:
  - Resource costs and skills necessary to complete an assessment?
    - Installing the DCS
    - Environment walkthroughs
    - Cost gathering and analysis
    - Cost consensus with client







- Do you know:
  - Resource costs and skills necessary to complete an assessment?
  - Deal implementation costs?
    - Hardware delivery and storage
    - Hardware installation and training
    - Hardware moves and removal
    - Initial supplies inventory
    - Install coordination







- Do you know:
  - Resource costs and skills necessary to complete an assessment?
  - Deal implementation costs?
  - Total supplies costs?
    - Including delivery
    - Cost of non-quality
    - Yields
    - By customer
    - Per page, by device



## **The Barriers to Profitability**



- Do you know:
  - Resource costs and skills necessary to complete an assessment?
  - Deal implementation costs?
  - Total supplies costs?
  - Total service costs?
    - Labor
    - Parts
    - Dispatch, phone triage
    - Install costs
    - Ongoing client commitments
    - By customer
    - Per page, by device







- Do you know:
  - Resource costs and skills necessary to complete an assessment?
  - Deal implementation costs?
  - Total supplies costs?
  - Total service costs?
  - Total sales costs to acquire AND manage the ongoing relationship?
    - Sales management
    - Sales reps
    - Analysts
    - Client account management





# **Supplies Management**

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## **Supplies Cost in MPS**

- 2010 study by Photizo found that overall, 64% of the total cost of an MPS engagement is consumables.
- SN data shows for A4 devices, this number can be closer to 74%





## **Supplies Cost Risk Categories**

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  - Page Mapping
- Ongoing management:
  - Supplies variables
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#### Page Mapping Example





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#### **Key Metrics—Supplies Variables**

<u>Key</u> to deal profitability is regular analysis of actual versus expected costs (at the page level, by device)

Variables include:

- Shipments vs. consumption
  - Failures
  - Shrinkage/loss
  - Yield
    - OEM vs. Compatible
    - Stated vs. "Effective"
    - Premature replenishment
  - Unidentified assets
    - Using same supplies
    - Not visible on DCS
- Device output mix
- Page coverage







#### Supplies Variables—"Tolerance Stack"

#### Definition: Tolerance Stack

"An accumulation of individual tolerance variances (each within the acceptable range for that variable) that cause the overall system to be out of tolerance."







#### **Tolerance Stack—Example Deal**

Company—Dooey, Chetem, and Howe Law Firm

- 50 printers and multi-function devices
- All network attached and mix of:
  - Small, "personal" printers for lawyers
  - Workgroup printers for most paralegals (proximity-based)
  - Department printers for very large case output

Assumptions:

- Supplies cost as percent of total cost = 65%
- Gross margin = 40%
- Net margin target = 15%
- Simplified supplies cost averages:
  - Personal devices = \$.01
  - Workgroup devices = \$.02
  - Department devices = \$.03
- OEM/Compatible mix = 50/50





#### **Tolerance Stack—Margin Impact**

			Margin	
Supplies Variable	Expected	Actual	Impact	Comments
Failure % (OEM)	0.75%	1.00%	0.033%	
Failure % (Compatible)	1.25%	2.00%	0.098%	
Shrinkage/Loss	0.00%	5.00%	1.300%	
YieldOEM (Stated vs. Effective)	100%	95.00%	0.650%	
YieldCompatible (Stated vs. Effective)	100%	90.00%	1.300%	
				20% of the time, toner replaced at toner low (30%
Yield (Premature Replenishment)	99%	94.00%	1.300%	remaining)
Unidentified Assets	0%	5.00%	1.300%	Lawyers take toner home for work use
Device Output MixPersonal	10%	15.00%		Turns out that actual page production is skewed more
Device Output MixWorkgroup	60%	65.00%	8.333%	to personal and workgroup devices than department
Device Output MixDepartment	30%	20.00%		level printers
Page Coverage	5%	6.25%	6.500%	Added company logo to bottom of each page
		Total	20.813%	
		Net Margin	-5.813%	



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#### **Operational Management of Supplies**

In addition to managing the variables associated with consumption, the supplies replenishment/order management process can cause the *most risk* to supplies costs

- Over-ordering/shipment of supplies
- Mis-ordering of supplies
- HR and system costs to manage supplies replenishment







## Supply Replenishment Risks

- 30 to 40% of supplies inventory is for devices they no longer have or never had
  - When customers order their own supplies in an MPS engagement, this risk to you does not diminish
- Average "over-ordering" of supplies in an MPS environment can run 10 to 15% PER YEAR of the engagement
  - No controls—pages shipped to a given device not mapped to pages consumed by that device
  - Customer behavior—early replenishment, "lost" supplies, multiple people ordering supplies for the same device, etc.
- Supplies "run out" and require rush replacement
  - Supply put into wrong device
  - Someone forgot to order replacement
- "Failed" supplies not identified and returned for credit





## **Calculating Supplies Replenishment Costs**

- Human resources—time and cost
  - How much time is spent managing the replenishment of supplies?
    - Taking customer orders
    - Reviewing thresholds and ordering supplies
    - Answering customer questions—"Where's my toner?"
    - Searching multiple systems (data collection software, back office ERP, shipping companies, etc.) to find answers
  - What is the loaded cost per hour of these resources?
- How much risk does your system have in:
  - Over-shipments
  - Mis-shipments
  - "Early" replenishments in a given device
  - Rush shipments



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#### **MPS—Supplies Cost/Risk Financial Model**

# of devices under management		11,800	
Resourceshours per week		56.0	
Resourcesloaded cost per hour		22.00	
Riskovershipment of supplies (annual)		10%	\$ 3,350.02
Riskmis-shipment of supplies (annual)		3%	\$ 1,005.01
Riskrush shipments of supplies (annual)		1%	\$ 320.96
Total Monthly Resource Cost	\$	5,297.60	
Total Monthly RiskQuantified		4,675.99	
Total Monthly Cost/Risk		9,973.59	
Total Cost/Device/Month		0.85	

Assumptions:	
Average pages/month/device	3,400
Average supplies cost/pagemono	\$ 0.0076
Average supplies cost/pagecolor	\$ 0.0560
Percent of pagesmono	95%
Percent of pagescolor	5%
Average "rush" freight charge	\$ 10.00

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#### **Optimizing the Fleet to Cut Supplies Costs**

Beyond managing risk of supplies costs, activities can be undertaken to proactively reduce costs and improve margin

First, understand:

- Device-level output costs per page, per month
- Job parameters (via EU Data SW)—application, coverage, job size
- Monthly device volume

Then:

- Evaluate OEM vs. compatible toner costs based on above
- Swap/move/remove devices (balanced by service tech costs)

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#### **SUPPLIESNETWORK** WE SUPPLY TRUST

- Current environment:
  - All network attached (including desktop printers)
  - Mix of new, old HP, Lexmark, and Dell
  - Single brand of A3 MFDs

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- Opportunity: Lower cost of desktop device printing
  - Swap devices
    - Cost savings over 60 months is \$729 or 39% on just two devices

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# **Service Management**

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## Service Cost Risk Categories

- At time of proposal:
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## Service Cost Risk Categories

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#### **Key Metrics—Service**

Variables include:

- Pages per month per technician
  - Labor hours per repair
  - Calls per tech per day
  - First time fix rate
  - Geographic account dispersion
  - Non-repair activity
    - o Installations
    - o Moves
    - o Training
- Device failure rate
- Device repair costs
  - Class issues
  - Misuse
  - Aging technology

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#### **Tolerance Stack—Example Deal**

Company—Dooey, Chetem, and Howe Law Firm

- 50 printers and multi-function devices
- 12 locations in the Boston area (one location downtown, the others scattered in adjacent cities.

Assumptions:

- Service cost as percent of total cost = 20%
- Gross margin = 40%
- Net margin target = 15%
- Labor as % of total S/S cost envelope = 30%
- Parts as % of total S/S cost envelope = 70%

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#### Supplies Variables—"Tolerance Stack"

			Margin	
Service Variable	Expected	Actual	Impact	Comments
Labor Hours per Repair	1.00	1.50		Older devices taking longer to root cause repair and have
Non-Repair Onsite Activity	0.00	0.25		more complex repairs (front panels, formatter boards);
Geographic Account Dispersion	0.25	0.50	2.255%	performing regular moves of equipment for client; travel
Service Technician Efficiency	75%	65%		time to scattered offices is longer; paperwork/reporting
Calls per Tech per Day	4.80	2.48		for client need takes up more tech time.
First Time Fix Rate	90%	80%	1.000%	New technicains lowering average overall
Device Failure Rate	20%	30%	4.000%	Older devices failing more frequently.
Device Repair Costs	\$100	\$125	1.400%	Higher cost parts (formatters, front panels).
		Total	8.655%	
		Net Margin	6.345%	

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#### **MPS**—Managing Service Monitoring

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#### Challenges with this system:

- Manual process, resource intensive
- Requires technicians to review and interpret email alert information:
  - Have to read through each email to pull out error codes and relevant text strings
  - Meaning of error codes, text strings
  - Codes and text strings vary widely by brand and model
  - Interpretation efficiency determined by skill level of technician
  - Many errors are not critical, but have to be sorted through
- Frequency of review determines responsiveness to downed machines
- Multiple systems to access (DCS, ERP, transportation logistics)

ERP

DCS

Other

Logistics

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### **Calculating Service Monitoring Costs**

- Human resources—time and cost
  - How much time is spent managing review of service alert emails?
    - Who is involved in the reviews?
      - Initial email alert reader/sorter
      - Technician to interpret potentially critical alerts
      - Investigating error history on the device
  - What is the loaded cost per hour of these resources?
- How much risk does your system have in:
  - Responding to customer calls with on-site technicians to resolve issues that could have been resolved by the customer?
  - Arriving "blind" to the customer site, not knowing the errors and history on the device?

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#### **Calculating Service Dispatch Costs**

- Human resources—time and cost
  - How much time is spent responding to end user customer phone calls?
    - Are these calls that used to go to the customer's internal help desk?
    - Are these calls "triaged" to determine if the problem can be resolved over the phone, or automatically dispatched?
    - If triaged, are service technicians dispatched to the call provided with information on failure mode, level of triage, etc.?
  - What is the loaded cost per hour of these resources?
- How much risk does your system have in:
  - Responding to customer calls with on-site technicians to resolve issues that could have been resolved over the phone with the customer?
  - Arriving "blind" to the customer site, not knowing the failure parameters and history on the device?

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#### **MPS—Service Cost/Risk Financial Model**

# of devices under management		6,350	
Dispatch resourceshours per week		5	
Dispatch resourcesloaded cost per hour		25.00	
General resourceshours per week		5	
General resourcesloaded cost per hour		20.00	
Technical resourceshours per week		5	
Technical resourcesloaded cost per hour		35.00	
Risknon-necessary service calls		15%	\$ 3,095.63
Total Monthly Resource Cost	\$	1,720.00	
Total Monthly RiskQuantified		3,095.63	
Total Monthly Cost/Risk	\$	4,815.63	
Total Cost/Device/Month	\$	0.76	

Assumptions:	
Average frequency of service call (in months)	30
Average labor time per service call (in hours)	1.50
Average loaded cost per service call (labor, travel)	\$ 65.00

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#### **Optimizing the Fleet to Cut Service Costs**

Beyond managing risk of service costs, activities can be undertaken to proactively reduce costs and improve margin

First, understand:

- Device-level service costs per page, per month
- Monthly device volume, mean time/pages between failures
- Engine-level quality history Then:
- Evaluate OEM vs. compatible parts costs based on above
- Swap/move/remove devices to lower service costs

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#### **Device Level Service Costs**

Using your service team's experience as well as industry/distributor partner knowledge, remove (or move to much lower volume areas of the client's environment) high repair cost printers

For example:

- HP P3005—3X industry average
- HP 4000 Series—2X+
  industry average
- HP M3035—2X industry average

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#### **Summary**

- Operational excellence is THE key to profitability in MPS
- Beware of the TOLERANCE STACK problem—each individual variable can be within variance, but the "system" is still out of tolerance
- There are MANY factors that have to be managed—knowing them at the client and device level gives you the data to make intelligent changes without negatively affecting the client's workflow

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*"Getting your ducks lined up.... Makes it easier to knock them down"* 

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# Q&A

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