



Transforming
excess into
SUCCESS



Workforce Management Shows Remarkable Opportunities



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EVEN
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Setting a baseline

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The challenge

The Reservations and Sales Organization at Delta Air Lines is a leader in pursuing all promising opportunities and technology to increase the responsiveness and operational efficiency of its customer service operations. Unsatisfied with the “Trust us – Our schedules are optimal” claims made, they carried out a data driven study to compare schedules generated by the traditional WFM systems available. Disappointing results in schedule efficiency levels and non-optimal schedules from this study led Reservations and Sales, in collaboration with Delta Technologies, to pioneer their own proprietary technologies. Continued interest in improving schedule

efficiency and service levels recently led the Delta Reservations and Sales Organization to evaluate available WFM solutions and technologies once again. inContact was included in the evaluation. The desire, in this case, was to evaluate the opportunities offered by available WFM software and technologies in the market and determine if any of them are providing truly optimal schedules.

Opportunities identified

inContact Workforce Management optimizes total labor costs by creating schedules with the highest efficiency achievable in a contact center environment. Proprietary mathematical optimization models and algorithms produce the best possible fit, between agents, skills, contact volumes, and servicing goals. Concurrent schedule optimization technology validates that work and off days, daily start times, break times, and other activities are optimally placed within individual agent schedules to align with the overall requirements of the contact center.

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MAJOR BENEFITS REALIZED

12% savings in schedule costs:

The total cost for the schedules generated by inContact Workforce Management optimal scheduler were 12% lower than the schedules developed by any WFM software including Delta's proprietary scheduling system.

98.5% schedule efficiency:

inContact Workforce Management optimal scheduler provided 98.5% schedule efficiency.

73% reduction in excess agent time:

inContact Workforce Management optimal scheduler reduced excess agent hours by 73%.

100% elimination of agent shortages:

Schedules generated by the inContact Workforce Management optimal scheduler met all agent and skills requirements while the schedules generated by other WFM systems had significant shortages.

Even distribution of percentage agent-on-duty (AOD) time into each interval:

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- Two environments
- Six contact centers in three time zones
- 918 full time, and 151 part time agents
- Two skill types
- Skills-based routing

Using the same contact center data, weekly agent schedules for these two environments were generated by the inContact Workforce Management optimal scheduler and the other WFM software participating in the study that included Delta's proprietary scheduling technologies. Schedules generated by different WFM systems were checked by the Reservations and Sales Organization for conformance to weekly tour, daily shift, and break scheduling parameters, agent and skills availability, operating hours, etc.

The inContact Workforce Management optimal scheduler showed a remarkable advantage and improvement opportunities in all metrics over the other WFM software including the proprietary technologies used by Delta Reservations and Sales.

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