### **CFLs - Working with Mass Merchandisers**

An Implementation Contractor's Perspective

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### **Lighting Program Designs**

- Types of Programs
  - Product Incentives
  - Cooperative Marketing/Advertising Only
  - Industry Initiatives
  - Combination Approach

### Lighting Program Designs (Continued)

- · Components of Programs:
  - Field Support (Enrolling, Training, POP, Promotions, Site Visits)
  - Marketing Materials (POP)
  - Instant Rebates / Mail-in Rebates
  - Cooperative Advertising (Print, Radio, TV)
  - Product Buy-Downs (Manufacturer, Sales Data)
  - Promotional Events (In Store, Home Shows, Energy Fairs, etc)

#### **Participating Retailer Types**

- Large National Home Improvement (DIY)
- National Mass Merchandisers
- · Regional Hardware Stores/Chains
- Wholesale Clubs
- Regional Mass Merchants
- Supermarkets
- Drug Stores
- Other (Includes Discount stores, Office Supply, Mom and Pops, etc)

### Historical Barriers to Participation

#### Varies by Program Design and Implementation Strategy

- Mass Merchandisers:
  - Instant Coupon Processing (Administrative)
  - Regional Program Inconsistencies
  - Lack of Regional Advertising Opportunities
  - Customer Ineligibility (non-participating regions)
- Supermarkets and Drug Stores:
  - Instant Coupon Processing (Front-End Customer Screening)
  - Lack of Regional Advertising Opportunities
  - Product Price (Nature of purchase patterns in Supermarkets)

# **Reducing Barriers - Things to Consider**

- Program Design Structure:
  - Define Program Objective
  - Create Flexibility
  - Reduce Administrative Burden
  - Streamline Data Collection Requirements (When Possible)
  - Regional Consistency (Opens up Advertising Opportunities)
  - Equal Opportunity for Retailers
  - Incentive Strategies (What are the objectives?)

### **Program Implementation Strategies**

- · Coupons:
  - Instant
  - Mail-in (Piggyback with Manufacturers)
    - · Benefits:
      - Allows for All Retailers to Participate
      - Drives Sales by Lowering First Cost
      - Provides Quantifiable Data
      - Allows Customer to Equate Value of Product
      - Serves as Marketing Tool for Program Sponsors

## Program Implementation Strategies (Continued - Page 2)

- · Advertising:
  - Cooperative
  - Program Sponsored Only
    - Benefits:
      - Creates Consumer Awareness
      - Helps Drive Sales and Foot Traffic at Retail
      - Leverages Industry Dollars (Cooperative)

### Program Implementation Strategies (Continued - Page 3)

- Industry Initiatives:
  - Invite Industry to Participate through Proposal Process
    - Product Buy-downs (Manufacturer Based or Sales Data Based)
    - · Mail-in Coupons
    - · Cooperative Advertising
    - · POP Material
    - · Product Placement and Display Requirements
    - Data Verification (Shipping, Receiving and Sales)
    - Benefits:
      - Increased Retailer Participation
      - Lowest Customer Cost (Assuming consistent incentive structure)
      - Increased Availability and Variety of Product
      - Leverage Industry Dollars (Coop ads, floor space, product displays and materials)

#### **Moving Forward**

- Consider Utilizing a Combination of Strategies whenever possible
- Consider the Funding and Goals of the Program
- Create a Design the Best Facilitates Industry Participation (Both Manufacturer and Retailer)

# The End