Agency Technology New Business Process Designing from agency data

# The design problem



What systems and processes are needed to support agents in selling new business?

How do agents monitor and track pending new business?

*What are the barriers of use surrounding paper-less application submission?* 

How can InsurCo better support the agencies and their relationships with customers?

### **Project Focus:**

- Identify key tasks and roles required to support the new business sales process
- Understand the EA and EFS referral process and how to better support it
- Identify tools and systems the EAs and EFSs use to sell new business
- Assess the need for mobile technologies to support remote business practices

### **Design from agency data**

### Driving system content and structure from field data

14 Participants	3 Regions
<ul><li>6 Exclusive Agents</li><li>7 Exclusive Financial Agents</li><li>1 Licensed Agency Staff</li></ul>	Midwest Region Southeast Region InsurCo New Jersey

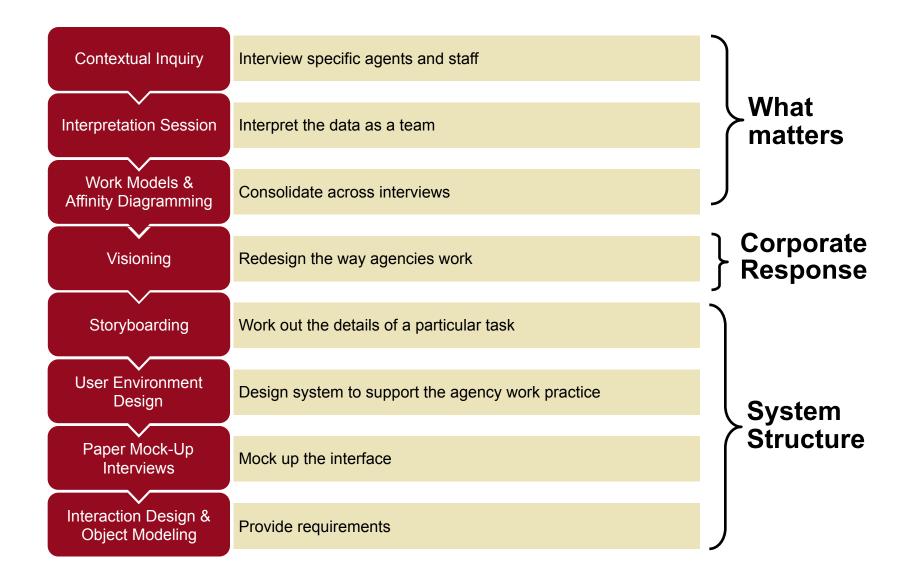
### **BPUE Data Points**

93 Participants	9 Regions
2 Business Process Workshops	

Understanding the agency population and their needs

### The Contextual Design Process

# A Contextual Design project



# Overview of findings Understanding the problem

# **Design challenges**

#### Sales process is not streamlined

- Producers are not impressed when we implement a non-integrated system
- Producers are concerned with the "Front of the TV"

#### Re-keying of information is done at every step

- Because systems are not integrated, forces data entry at each step
- Responsibility is on the agent to enter data, even though the system has it
- Increased opportunity for error on data entry

#### Systems do not match how producers envision the work getting done

- Modes of work and how to support them are not represented in current state
- Each system currently owns the policy at that step
- A different application for each step of the process, no continuity

#### Monitoring pending new business is a challenge

- Different information in LBL report and what's on accessInsurCo.com
- Outsourced service status' (e.g. TeleApp, Paramed) are in other locations

#### Leads are not managed consistently, and are not integrated

- Varying input sources and types, tracked independently
- No re-purposing of existing customer information to help formulate "right fit" products

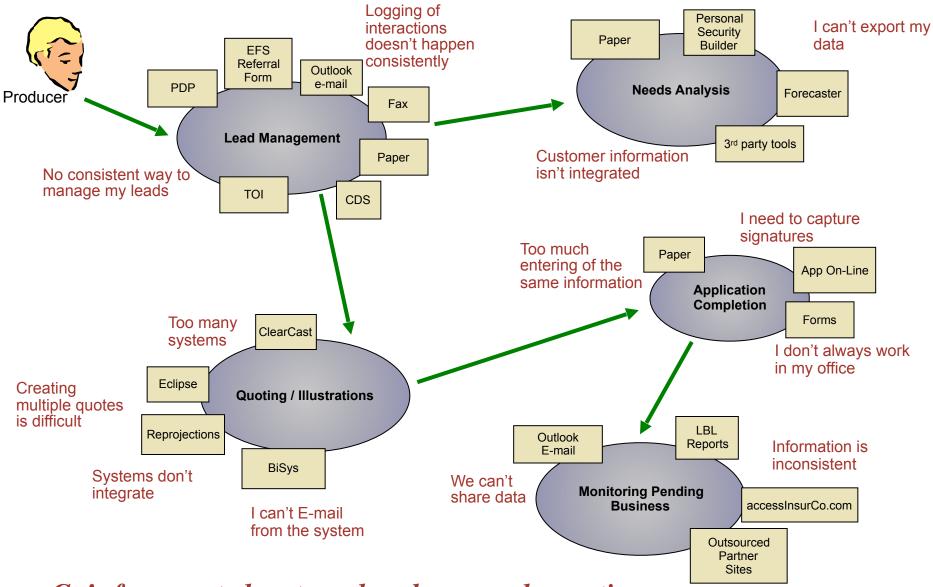
#### Agents need information when not in the office

- Producers can't access all of their InsurCo information even from home
- There is no mobile access, even to e-mail

#### Non-compliance with regulations

- Illustrations don't always match the application
- · No consistent way to accurately rate customers is in use
- Incomplete applications submitted to back-office

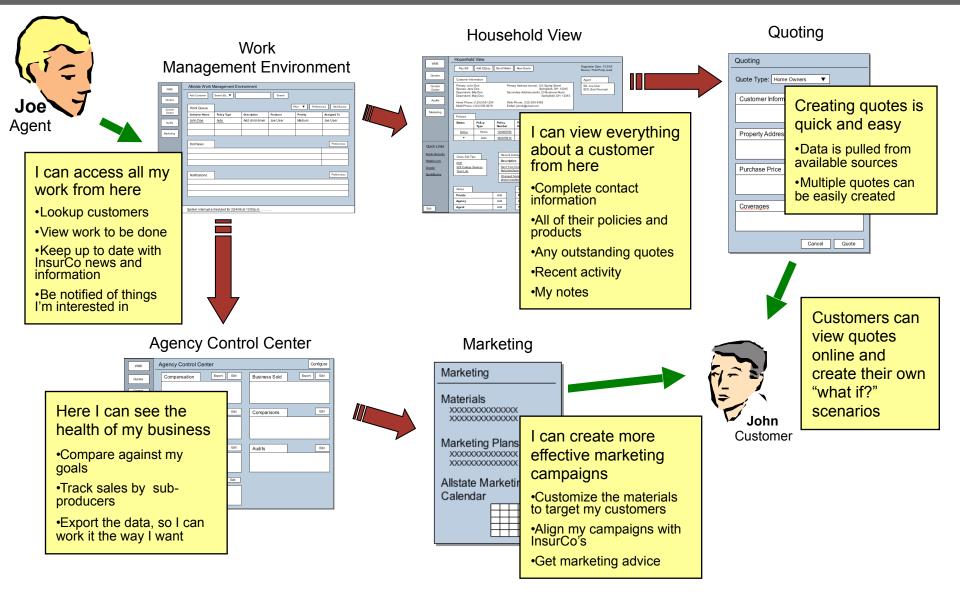
### The current process is full of breakdowns



InsurCo's fragmented systems break my work practice

### **Design Solutions**

## **Vision overview**



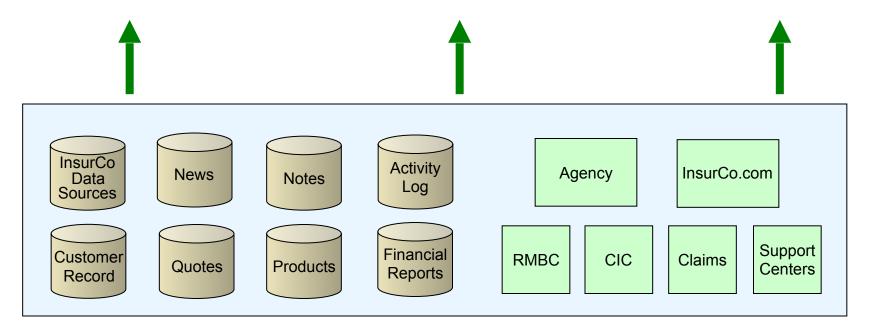
One system that coherently supports the work

## One system for all agency work

#### Work Management Environment

Household View

Agency Control Center



### Bringing it all together for the agency

# **Value Proposition**

### Bring all information into one place

- Streamlining the work and providing value from InsurCo to the agent
- Simplifying InsurCo's communications to the agent

### Create one shared record of all customer information

- Any transaction with the customer is logged and available
- · All policy, history, and lifestyle information is tracked

### Simplify serving and maintaining existing customers

### Make policy writing easy

- With all information available in one place—including changes
- Streamlining quoting and letting the customer participate
- Integrating the handoff to InsurCo for approval in a single step

### Optimize cross-selling and follow-up sales

- Trigger the agents for opportunities and give them the information needed to completed it
- Simplifying the hand-off and communication to Exclusive Financial Specialists

### Support creating new business

- Customize marketing materials for agency demographics
- Help manage leads from InsurCo and non-InsurCo sources

### Show the health of the business

With reliable reporting by person and agency