CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A computer system comprising:

at least one processor, wherein the computer system is configured for:

(A) receiving desired area information, wherein the desired area information comprises information associated with a particular area where at least one attended delivery/pickup location is desired;

(B) receiving information associated with a temporary particular attended delivery/pickup location, wherein the information associated with the temporary particular attended delivery/pickup location comprises:

i) a geographic location associated with the temporary particular attended delivery/pickup location; and

ii) an indication that the temporary particular attended delivery/pickup location is inactive;

(C) determining that the temporary particular attended delivery/pickup location is located near the particular area based at least in part on the geographic location associated with the temporary particular attended delivery/pickup location;

(D) transmitting a notification to a client device, wherein the notification comprises:

i) an indication that the temporary particular attended delivery/pickup location is located near the desired area; and

ii) an indication that the temporary particular attended delivery/pickup location is inactive;

(E) at least partially in response to transmitting the notification to the client device, receiving a request to activate the temporary particular attended delivery/pickup location;

(F) at least partially in response to receiving the request to activate the at least one attended delivery/pickup location, facilitating activation of the temporary particular attended delivery/pickup location.

2. The computer system of Claim 1, wherein the request to activate the temporary particular attended delivery/pickup location comprises a particular time for activating the temporary particular attended delivery/pickup location.

3. The computer system of Claim 2, wherein facilitating activation of the temporary particular attended delivery/pickup location comprises facilitating activation of the temporary particular attended delivery/pickup location at about the particular time.

4. The computer system of Claim 3, wherein the particular time coincides with the beginning of at least one event.

5. The computer system of Claim 4, wherein the particular area comprises an area associated with the at least one event.

6. The computer system of Claim 5, wherein the at least one event comprises an event selected from the group consisting of:

(A) a concert;

(B) a marathon;

(C) a party;

(D) a sporting event; and

(E) a festival.

7. The computer system of Claim 6, wherein the at least one event comprises a concert.

8. The computer system of Claim 7, wherein the area associated with the at least one event comprises an area associated with the concert.

9. The computer system of Claim 4, wherein the temporary particular attended delivery/pickup location comprises a location selected from the group consisting of:

(A) a gas station;

(B) a grocery store;

(C) a conference center;

(D) a convenience store; and

(E) a retailer.

10. The computer system of Claim 4, wherein the transmitted notification further comprises an indication that the temporary particular attended delivery/pickup location needs to be staffed.

11. The computer system of Claim 10, wherein the request to activate the temporary particular attended delivery/pickup location comprises an indication that the temporary particular attended delivery/pickup location will be staffed by at least one staff member associated with the at least one event.

A computer system comprising:

at least one processor, wherein the computer system is configured for:

(A) receiving desired area information, wherein the desired area information comprises a particular area associated with a particular event where at least one attended delivery/pickup location is desired;

(B) receiving information associated with a particular inactive attended delivery/pickup location, wherein the information associated with the particular inactive attended delivery/pickup location comprises a geographic location associated with the particular inactive attended delivery/pickup location;

(C) determining that the particular inactive attended delivery/pickup location is located near the particular area based at least in part on the geographic location associated with the particular inactive attended delivery/pickup location;

(D) transmitting at least one notification to at least one client device, wherein the at least one notification comprises:

i) an indication that the particular inactive attended delivery/pickup location is located near the desired area; and

ii) an indication that the particular inactive attended delivery/pickup location is inactive;

(E) at least partially in response to transmitting the at least one notification to the client device, receiving a request to activate the particular inactive attended delivery/pickup location, wherein:

i) the request to activate the particular inactive attended delivery/pickup location comprises a request to activate the particular inactive attended delivery/pickup location at a particular start time; and

ii) the particular start time is associated with the start of the particular event; and

(F) at least partially in response to receiving the request to activate the at least one attended delivery/pickup location, facilitating activation of the particular inactive attended delivery/pickup location at about the particular start time.

The computer system of Claim 12, wherein:

(A) the request to activate the particular inactive attended delivery/pickup location further comprises a particular end time; and

(B) the particular end time is associated with the end of the particular event.

14. The computer system of Claim 13, wherein the computer system is further configured for facilitating deactivation of the particular inactive attended delivery/pickup location at about the particular end time.

15. The computer system of Claim 14, wherein the transmitted notification further comprises an indication that the particular inactive attended delivery/pickup location needs to be staffed.

16. The computer system of Claim 15, wherein the request to activate the particular inactive attended delivery/pickup location comprises an indication that the particular inactive attended delivery/pickup location will be staffed by at least one staff member associated with particular event from about the particular start time to about the particular end time.

17. The computer system of Claim 12, wherein the particular inactive attended delivery/pickup location comprises a business, wherein the business is not primarily for receiving one or more parcels.

18. The computer system of Claim 17, wherein facilitating activation of the particular inactive attended delivery/pickup location comprises authorizing the particular inactive attended delivery/pickup location to receive at least one parcel associated with at least one user.

19. A computer-implemented method for the temporary activation of an attended delivery/pickup location comprising:

(A) receiving, by at least one computer processor, a request to open a temporary attended delivery/pick up location, the request comprising:

i) a location for the temporary attended delivery/pickup location;

ii) a start time to open the attended delivery/pickup location;

iii) a shut-down time for shutting down the attended delivery/pick up location;

(B) at least partially in response to receiving the request to open the temporary attended delivery/pickup location, facilitating, by at least one computer processor, opening the temporary attended delivery/pickup location at about the start time;

(C) facilitating a delivery of at least one parcel to the temporary attended delivery/pickup location; and

(D) facilitating a shut-down of the temporary attended delivery/pickup location at about the shut-down time.

20. The method of Claim 19, wherein the location for the temporary attended delivery/pickup location is near an upcoming event.

21. The method of Claim 20, wherein the upcoming event is an event selected from the group consisting of:

(A) a concert;

(B) a marathon;

(C) a party;

(D) a sporting event; and

(E) a festival.

22. The method of Claim 19, wherein:

(A) receiving the request to open the temporary attended delivery/pickup location comprises receiving the request by at least one processor; and

(B) facilitating the delivery of the at least one parcel to the temporary attended delivery/pickup location comprises facilitating the delivery of the at least one parcel to the temporary attended delivery/pickup location by at least one processor.

23. A computer-implemented method for the temporary activation of an attended delivery/pickup location comprising:

(A) receiving, by at least one processor, a request to open a temporary attended delivery/pickup location, the request comprising:

i) a location for the temporary attended delivery/pickup location;

ii) event information associated with an event occurring near the location for the temporary attended delivery/pickup location, the event information comprising:

1) a start time for the event; and

2) an end time for the event;

(B) at least partially in response to receiving the request to open the temporary attended delivery/pickup location, facilitating, by at least one processor, facilitating opening the temporary attended delivery/pickup location at about the start time for the event;

(C) facilitating, by at least one processor, the delivery of at least one parcel to the temporary attended delivery/pickup location; and

(D) facilitating, by at least one processor, a shut-down of the attended delivery/pickup location at about the end time for the event.

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A computer system comprising:

at least one processor, wherein the computer system is configured for:

(A) receiving, at a logistics server, desired area information, wherein the desired area information comprises information associated with a particular area where at least one attended delivery/pickup location is desired;

(B) receiving information associated with an inactive temporary particular attended delivery/pickup location within a brick-and-mortar store associated with a logistics network, wherein the inactive temporary particular attended delivery/pickup location comprises a delivery location computer system adapted to communicate with the logistics server and the information associated with the inactive temporary particular attended delivery/pickup location comprises:

i) a geographic location associated with the inactive temporary particular attended delivery/pickup location; and

ii) an indication that the inactive temporary particular attended delivery/pickup location is inactive;

(C) determining that the inactive temporary particular attended delivery/pickup location is located near the particular area based at least in part on the geographic location associated with the inactive temporary particular attended delivery/pickup location;

(D) transmitting a notification to a client device, wherein the notification comprises:

i) an indication that the inactive temporary particular attended delivery/pickup location is located near the desired area; and

ii) an indication that the inactive temporary particular attended delivery/pickup location is inactive within the logistics network;

(E) at least partially in response to transmitting the notification to the client device, receiving a request at the logistics server, from the client device, to activate the inactive temporary particular attended delivery/pickup location;

(F) at least partially in response to receiving the request to activate the inactive temporary particular attended delivery/pickup location, activating the inactive temporary particular attended delivery/pickup location within the logistics network, wherein activating the inactive

temporary particular attended delivery/pickup location comprises transmitting one or more messages to the delivery location computer system and authorizing delivery of at least one parcel to the active temporary particular attended delivery/pickup.

2. The computer system of Claim 1, wherein the request to activate the inactive temporary particular attended delivery/pickup location comprises a particular time for activating the temporary particular attended delivery/pickup location.

3. The computer system of Claim 2, wherein facilitating activation of the inactive temporary particular attended delivery/pickup location comprises facilitating activation of the inactive temporary particular attended delivery/pickup location at the particular time.

4. The computer system of Claim 3, wherein the particular time coincides with the beginning of at least one event.

5. The computer system of Claim 4, wherein the particular area comprises an area associated with the at least one event.

6. The computer system of Claim 5, wherein the at least one event comprises an event selected from the group consisting of:

(A) a concert;

(B) a marathon;

(C) a party;

(D) a sporting event; and

(E) a festival.

7. The computer system of Claim 6, wherein the at least one event comprises a concert.

8. The computer system of Claim 7, wherein the area associated with the at least one event comprises an area associated with the concert.

9. The computer system of Claim 4, wherein the inactive temporary particular attended delivery/pickup location comprises a location selected from the group consisting of:

(A) a gas station;

(B) a grocery store;

(C) a conference center;

(D) a convenience store; and

(E) a retailer.

10. The computer system of Claim 4, wherein the transmitted notification further comprises an indication that the temporary particular attended delivery/pickup location needs to be staffed.

11. The computer system of Claim 10, wherein the request to activate the inactive temporary particular attended delivery/pickup location comprises an indication that the temporary particular attended delivery/pickup location will be staffed by at least one staff member associated with the at least one event.

12. A computer system comprising:

at least one processor, wherein the computer system is configured for:

(A) receiving, at a logistics server, desired area information, wherein the desired area information comprises a particular area associated with a particular event where at least one attended delivery/pickup location is desired;

(B) receiving information associated with a particular inactive attended delivery/pickup location, wherein the information associated with the particular inactive attended delivery/pickup location comprises a geographic location associated with the particular inactive attended delivery/pickup location;

(C) determining that the particular inactive attended delivery/pickup location is located near the particular area based at least in part on the geographic location associated with the particular inactive attended delivery/pickup location;

(D) transmitting at least one notification to at least one client device, wherein the at least one notification comprises:

i) an indication that the particular inactive attended delivery/pickup location is located near the desired area; and

ii) an indication that the particular inactive attended delivery/pickup location is inactive;

(E) at least partially in response to transmitting the at least one notification to the client device, receiving a request, from the client device, to activate the particular inactive attended delivery/pickup location, wherein:

i) the request to activate the particular inactive attended delivery/pickup location comprises a request to activate the particular inactive attended delivery/pickup location at a particular start time; and

ii) the particular start time is associated with the start of the particular event; and

(F) at least partially in response to receiving the request to activate the at least one attended delivery/pickup location, activating the particular inactive attended delivery/pickup location at the particular start time.

13. The computer system of Claim 12, wherein:

(A) the request to activate the particular inactive attended delivery/pickup location further comprises a particular end time; and

(B) the particular end time is associated with the end of the particular event.

14. The computer system of Claim 13, wherein the computer system is further configured for facilitating deactivation of the particular inactive attended delivery/pickup location at about the particular end time.

15. The computer system of Claim 14, wherein the transmitted notification further comprises an indication that the particular inactive attended delivery/pickup location needs to be staffed.

16. The computer system of Claim 15, wherein the request to activate the particular inactive attended delivery/pickup location comprises an indication that the particular inactive attended delivery/pickup location will be staffed by at least one staff member associated with particular event from about the particular start time to about the particular end time.

17. The computer system of Claim 12, wherein the particular inactive attended delivery/pickup location comprises a business, wherein the business is not primarily for receiving one or more parcels.

18. The computer system of Claim 17, wherein facilitating activation of the particular inactive attended delivery/pickup location comprises authorizing the particular inactive attended delivery/pickup location to receive at least one parcel associated with at least one user.

19. A computer-implemented method for the temporary activation of an attended delivery/pickup location comprising:

(A) receiving, by at least one computer processor, a request to activate an inactive temporary attended delivery/pickup location that is part of a logistics network, the request comprising:

i) a location for the inactive temporary attended delivery/pickup location;

ii) a start time to open the inactive attended delivery/pickup location;

iii) a shut-down time for shutting down the inactive attended delivery/pick up location;

(B) at least partially in response to receiving the request to activate the inactive temporary attended delivery/pickup location, facilitating, by at least one computer processor, activating the inactive temporary attended delivery/pickup location within the logistics network at the start time by authorizing delivery of at least one parcel to the active temporary attended delivery/pickup location;

(C) facilitating a delivery of at least one parcel to the active temporary attended delivery/pickup location; and

(D) deactivating the active temporary attended delivery/pickup location at the shut-down time by stopping delivery of one or more parcels to the inactive temporary attended delivery/pickup location.

20. The method of Claim 19, wherein the location for the inactive temporary attended delivery/pickup location is near an upcoming event.

21. The method of Claim 20, wherein the upcoming event is an event selected from the group consisting of:

(A) a concert;

(B) a marathon;

(C) a party;

(D) a sporting event; and

(E) a festival.

22. The method of Claim 19, wherein:

(A) receiving the request to open the inactive temporary attended delivery/pickup location comprises receiving the request by at least one processor; and

(B) facilitating the delivery of the at least one parcel to the active temporary attended delivery/pickup location comprises facilitating the delivery of the at least one parcel to the active temporary attended delivery/pickup location by at least one processor.

23. A computer-implemented method for the temporary activation of an attended delivery/pickup location comprising:

(A) receiving, at a logistics server, by at least one processor, a request to open a temporary attended delivery/pickup location within a brick-and-mortar store associated with a logistics network, the request comprising:

i) a location for the temporary attended delivery/pickup location;

ii) event information associated with an event occurring near the location for the temporary attended delivery/pickup location, the event information comprising:

1) a start time for the event; and

2) an end time for the event;

(B) at least partially in response to receiving the request to open the temporary attended delivery/pickup location, facilitating, by at least one processor, facilitating opening the temporary attended delivery/pickup location at about the start time for the event, the temporary attended delivery/pickup location comprises a delivery location computer system adapted to communicate with the logistics server;

(C) facilitating, by at least one processor, the delivery of at least one parcel to the temporary attended delivery/pickup location, wherein facilitating the delivery comprises transmitting one or more messages to the delivery location computer system from the logistics server; and

(D) facilitating, by at least one processor, a shut-down of the attended delivery/pickup location at about the end time for the event.