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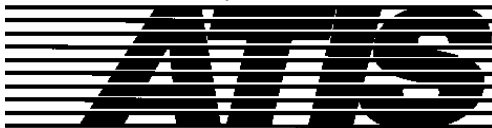
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Re: Alignment of Telecommunications Data Dictionary Standards

Dear Mr. Andersen and Mr. Harris,

Technical Subcommittee T1M1 has initiated and is actively working toward the formulation of a globally applicable resource for telecommunications terminology and semantic descriptions, referred to as the *Global Telecommunications Data Dictionary (GTDD)*. For your convenience and reference, attached is the T1M1.3 GTDD Ad-Hoc Group Charter.

At the international level, the GTDD has been accepted into the work program of ITU-T Study Group 4. In addition, a related *Work Register* has been established with the TeleManagement Forum, to result in the submission of substantial information content from the TM Forum Shared Information/Data Model work effort. Within the US, work has begun on populating a GTDD prototype based on information from the following OSS Interconnection (X-Interface) work effort: Unified Ordering Methodology (UOM) - Access Service Request (ASR) tML schema. Results from this prototype work are expected to be provided as contributions to the GTDD work effort – for further GTDD refinement.

We bring this to your attention because we have recently become aware of activities within 3GPP to develop a Data Description Framework as part of the Generic User Profile initiative. We are please to see that another forum has interest in this important area. It would be optimal for global standards to have the 3GPP Data Description Framework and GTDD work efforts maintain consistency and alignment – in order to have the end results consistent and aligned.

We therefore respectfully request that 3GPP consider collaborating and/or coordinating with TM Forum, ITU-T SG4, and T1M1 on this common work effort. There are several ways to accomplish this – information sharing is a good start. Paul Levine (plevine@telcordia.com, 732-699-3042) is the Chair of the T1M1.3 GTDD AHG – he will be happy to share any documents and answered any specific questions regarding GTDD. Note, T1M1 will be collocating with T1P1 in San Diego, CA the week of Nov 4, 2002 (www.t1.org/t1m1/nov2002.htm). The T1M1.3 GTDD AHG will likely meet on Nov 6 and Nov 7 (AM) of that week. Members of 3GPP are welcome to attend.

Best Regards,

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