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The attached correspondence has been received from ATIS and is submitted to this PCG meeting for discussion.



Chair, 3GPP Project Coordination Group

Dear Dr. Wee:

As you may know from my report at GSC 9 in Seoul, Korea, ATIS released its list of the top sixteen technical and operational priorities for the communications industry in 2003, as determined by its Board-level Technology and Operations (TOPS) Council. The TOPS Council further identified five of these priorities as critical to the industry: VoIP, Wide Area Ethernet, Mobile Wireless Services, Security, and Data Interchange (Billing). To advance these critical priorities, the TOPS Council established five Focus Groups consisting of mid- to senior-level management experts from ATIS member companies to thoroughly examine these areas and, where appropriate, expand on the identified issues to encompass all aspects of the priority areas. The Focus Groups then developed a work plan for each priority area to facilitate the coordination of standards initiatives and activities, both internal to ATIS and its committees as well as across those identified standards organizations, to support the creation of implementable standards for the defined priorities.

The detailed work plan for VoIP has been completed, and it is in this regard that I am contacting you today. As an Organizational Partner in 3GPP, ATIS and its TOPS Council recognize 3GPP as the leading organization engaged in the development of standards for 3G Wireless and as such, is seeking its assistance in accomplishing some very particular and significant standards work to support the completion of much needed end-to-end, implementable standards for carrier grade VoIP in the area of VoIP over Wireless. Significantly, ATIS is asking that 3GPP assist with VoIP Service Architecture to help complete consistent service architecture across both wireline and wireless technologies based on the 3GPP IP Multimedia Sub-system. ATIS is also looking for 3GPP assistance in evaluating the IMS 3GPP and 3GPP2 documents for adoption and reuse, to the extent possible, as an ATIS VoIP architecture.

ATIS acknowledges that this request is outside the norm, in that the work of 3GPP is generally driven by individual member contributions. However, given the senior-level effort and attention that has been dedicated to the identification of these industry priorities and to the development of the VoIP work plan, and also recognizing that many of the companies involved in developing the work plan are also 3GPP individual members, ATIS views this as a special circumstance as well as a unique opportunity for 3GPP.

These collaborative efforts, and others that may follow, will be critical to the successful advancement of these industry-identified priorities, and as such it is very important to have a clear understanding of the ATIS work effort. With that in mind, I will be calling you shortly to discuss this further, and, hopefully, establish a meeting date to review the work plan and our relationship in greater detail.

Over the last five years, ATIS, initially through its Committee T1, and now as an Organizational Partner, has found its relationship with 3GPP to be productive and rewarding. We believe that cooperative efforts around the VoIP Work Plan can further strengthen that relationship and further cement 3GPP's position as the leading organization for the development of wireless standards.

I look forward to speaking with you on this important industry initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan M. Miller".

Susan M. Miller
President & CEO

Attachment: ATIS Board of Directors List

cc: Dr. Asok Chatterjee, Ericsson, ATIS First Vice-Chairman of the Board, & Head of ATIS Delegation to 3GPP

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