

CALL FOR SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS AND MERGERS

IEEE 802.16.1 Session #5

Deadline: January 5, 2000

The IEEE 802.16 Working Group on Broadband Wireless Access is preparing to define the 802.16.1 broadband wireless access air interface specification in accordance with the "Development Plan for the 802.16.1 Air Interface Standard" (Document IEEE 802.16-99/05 <http://grouper.ieee.org/groups/802/16/docs/99/80216-99_05.pdf>). As that document details, the specification will be based on contributed proposals, with increasing detail required as the process progresses. Mergers and improvements will be encouraged, with selection scheduled for June 2000 and refinement to follow. Separate selection processes are being carried out by the Medium Access Control (MAC) and Physical Layer (PHY) Task Groups.

In accordance with IEEE 802.16-99/05, proposals for consideration at Session #5 are subject to a deadline of December 24, 1999. The specific proposal contribution procedure is described in IEEE 802.16-99/14 <http://grouper.ieee.org/groups/802/16/docs/99/80216-99_14.pdf>.

This Call invites contributions suggesting improvements to or suggested mergers of the submitted proposals. Contributors will be granted time on the agenda for presentation and discussion. These presentations will take place after discussion of the invited proposals but before evaluation scoresheets are due.

Suggested improvements and mergers will be of interest to the entire Working Group, but only the proposal submitters are in a position to act on them; they are welcome to do so before or after Session #5. Not until Session #7 (May, 2000) will the Working Group choose a proposal; until that time, proposals remain in the hands of the submitters. Discussions outside of the Working Group are welcome.

Suggestions should be detailed and pointed. In particular, they should describe the impact with respect to the pertinent evaluation criteria referred to by the proposal in response to IEEE 802.16-99/14.

Suggested improvements to earlier suggested improvements are welcome.

Contributions will be considered only if submitted using Revision 6 or higher of the 802.16 Document Submission Template <http://grouper.ieee.org/groups/802/16/docs/802_16_template.doc>. The template requires a cover page and a narrative. In the cover sheet category labeled "Re:", please cite not only this document (Document IEEE 802.16-99/16) but also the document number of the document(s) you are addressing.

Contributions will be considered non-confidential and will be posted, as soon as possible following receipt, for public access on the 802.16 Web Site <<http://grouper.ieee.org/groups/802/16>>.

Email your contribution, for receipt by the **deadline of 5 January 2000**, to each of the following:

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