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Dear Paul:

Thank you for your correspondence of 19 March 2003 inquiring about the status of the Broadband Wireless Internet Forum (BWIF). As of today, BWIF remains a program of the ISTO that is in a maintenance mode after having published its specifications to its members. The organization continues in its existence with minimal activity. The BWIF Board of Directors took action to reduce their activities during their meeting of December 2001.

The BWIF Board of Directors recently convened a meeting on 17 April 2003 to discuss the status of the organization. As of this date, no follow-up action has been taken by the Board, and the organization remains in maintenance mode. A follow-up call is to be scheduled within one (1) month to discuss future options for the organization.

Neither the ISTO nor BWIF wish to cause confusion or misperception in the marketplace. The ISTO will work with the BWIF Board to address an update to the appropriate messaging around the organization. The ISTO believes that those who are implementing broadband wireless specifications understand the status of BWIF in the marketplace. Finally, if the BWIF Board of Directors resolves to dissolve the organization, it would no longer be carried as a program of the ISTO.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you'd like to discuss further by phone.

Regards,



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