

Subject: FW: WiMAX Forum liaison with 802.16 WG
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Dear Roger,

The WiMAX Forum recently formed the Network Working Group (NWG) to develop end-to-end technical specifications for all-IP based WiMAX networks. The group, chaired by Prakash Iyer from Intel Corporation, shall create specifications addressing fixed, nomadic, portable and fully mobile usage models across a number of operator deployment scenarios. The suite of specifications that the NWG expects to deliver in 2005 shall complement the radio (MAC and PHY) standards being developed in the 802.16 Working group as well as profiles of the radio specifications being cooperatively defined in the IEEE and the WiMAX Forum.

To address diverse time-to-market requirements, the NWG is working off an extremely aggressive schedule. Success is not only dependent on the efforts of members in the NWG but also incumbent on very close coordination ensuring that the work plan, deliverables, priorities and timelines align well with the 802.16 WG (initially and in particular NETMAN - 802.16g and 802.16g).

Hence, by way of this letter, the WiMAX Forum seeks to establish a technical liaison with the 802.16 WG and the above-mentioned task groups in 802.16. The WiMAX Forum plans to nominate Dr. Bala Rajagopalan of Intel Corporation as our primary technical liaison. Bala and Jose Puthenkulam (who serves as editor of NETMAN - 802.16g) will work with Phil Barber (NETMAN chair), Brian Kiernan (TGe chair) and other 802.16 officers on an on-going basis to ensure that the technical specifications created by the respective working groups are well harmonized and complementary. We invite you to correspondingly nominate an individual on a reciprocal basis if you feel this is needed.

The WiMAX Forum will share technical documents with the IEEE by reference and correspondingly reference IEEE documents meeting IEEE IPR and membership guidelines.

I look forward to your response,

Best regards,

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