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Via email

Dear Respected Industry Participants,

We are writing to invite representatives of your committee or group to participate in the Joint OASIS Implementation Task Force. As a continuation of the work done by the Electronic Scheduling Collaborative (ESC) and the OASIS Standards Collaborative (OSC), the NAESB OASIS II Scoping Task Force has publicly posted its final version of the OASIS II Scope and the OASIS II Vision. These two documents are intended to define the overall direction of the industry as we move forward with the development of OASIS II, described in FERC Docket No. RM00-10-000 (Open Access Same Time Information System Phase II - Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.). The OASIS II Scope and Vision documents can be found at the NAESB website (http://www.naesb.org/weq/weq_ess_oasis_2_doc.asp).

The Joint OASIS Implementation Task Force (JOITF) has been formed to work on the next stage of OASIS II development. Using the Scope and Vision documents as a guide, the JOITF will develop:

- Expansion of the OASIS II Use Cases, which describes all in-scope business processes, business objects, and their associated logic,
- Expansion of the OASIS II System Requirements, which supports the Use Cases by detailing specific requirements and metrics,
- The OASIS II Structural Design, which will describe the technical architecture and how functionality will be staged for deployment, and
- The OASIS II Implementation Plan, which will indicate the order and timeline of how the stages will be specified, developed, and deployed.

These four documents will represent the foundation for developing OASIS II. Following the completion of these documents, the NAESB Electronic Scheduling Subcommittee (ESS) and Information Technology Subcommittee (ITS) will finalize the OASIS II Standards and Communications Protocols (S&CP) and associated Business Practices (BP) standards. These standards will provide the industry the basis for implementation of OASIS II, which is intended to facilitate the exchange of both market and reliability data between industry participants.

The implementation of OASIS II will be a major undertaking which will require significant industry participation and cooperation to ensure coordinated implementation. The initial plan calls for a staged approach to OASIS II to assure incremental benefit to the industry over time. The preliminary schedule is as follows:

Milestone	Due Date	Status
Scope and Vision	Q2 2004	Completed
Design Artifacts (1-4)	Q2 2005	Starting
Stage 1 S&CP, BPs	Q4 2005	
Stage 1 Implementation	Q3 2006	
Stage 2 S&CP, BPs	Q3 2006	
Stage 2 Implementation	Q3 2007	
Stage 3 S&CP, BPs	Q3 2007	
Stage 3 Implementation	Q3 2008	



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While the JOITF has a general idea of what functionality each stage will provide, it is premature to commit to the details of any stage without first working to coordinate with other industry efforts and initiatives.

In recognition of the important work being undertaken by your groups that may relate directly or indirectly to the development and implementation of OASIS II, the JOITF encourages your participation in our efforts. We would particularly appreciate the assignment of one or more liaisons to the JOITF on an ongoing basis. It is our intent to ensure that all related ongoing industry initiatives are considered and coordinated as we move forward with the development of OASIS II. We believe there are significant benefits, economies of scale, and synergies that can be realized through collaboration with each of your groups.

Please consider this letter a formal invitation for your group to participate in JOITF meetings. We have currently scheduled meetings for August 30-31st and September 28th. Some detailed reviews of the OASIS II Use Cases and System Requirements from the now-retired Electronic Scheduling Collaborative and OASIS Standards Collaborative is scheduled for the JOITF meeting in August. This will help the JOITF to build on and expand these documents. We look forward to working with you in this effort.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact any one of us, and we will be happy to speak with you regarding this request.

Sincerely yours,

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