

TMOC Process to Identify Expertise for ATIS Committee Issues

Overview: Other ATIS Committee members are encouraged to envision a shadow sub-team that has TMOC's mission and scope (involving OAM&P, OSS, and Network Management) operating within their group and providing support for the issues before the Committee. Whatever standards work that other ATIS Committee group members would like to take place in this shadow sub-team, can occur in TMOC in a way that non-TMOC-member SME participation will be welcome in the standards development in TMOC. The goal is to foster a tighter relationship between TMOC and other ATIS Committee/Forums and ensure that OAM&P, OSS, and Network Management issues are being addressed appropriately in the interest of all ATIS members.

Concept: ATIS committees will take responsibility for identifying work needed from TMOC and will identify SMEs to work with TMOC to produce the required standards. SMEs should have general telecom management and operations knowledge and specific knowledge in the area of the work needed by the requesting committee.

1. Twice annually, ATIS staff supporting the ATIS committees will initiate an agenda item for a Leadership Team Meeting and/or Plenary session of each of their committees to identify work needed from TMOC related to standards underway in the Committee in question. (New work items can also be initiated mid-cycle as appropriate.)
2. Needed work items will be transmitted to TMOC for conceptual approval via written communications, and the target time frame for completion will be identified.
 - 2a. Simultaneously, TMOC and the requesting committee will socialize the proposed issue with all their members, soliciting SMEs to work with TMOC on the specific project. Resources provided to TMOC may be either participants in the requesting committee with the required skill set, or SMEs from the member companies of the requesting committee.
3. ATIS staff will facilitate scheduling of a joint call between TMOC and the requesting committee to agree on the issue statement including full disclosure of SME identities. (The call may be attended by the entire committees or the leadership only.) TMOC commitment to any issue will be contingent on a mutual understanding of required support.
6. The resources provided to TMOC will be full partners in the technical work of TMOC. These SMEs will be considered liaisons to TMOC from the requesting committee.
7. TMOC will provide status of requested work to the requesting committee as needed but at least on a semi-annual basis.

Use of this concept will not preclude TMOC members initiating new issues to address their companies' needs or to address work assigned to TMOC by the TOPS Council or the CIO Council.