

**LIAISON AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE IPDR.ORG AND THE ALLIANCE  
FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY SOLUTIONS ON BEHALF OF  
THE ORDERING AND BILLING FORUM**

**Made effective this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2002**

This LIAISON AGREEMENT is entered into by the IPDR.org and the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions ("ATIS") on behalf of its sponsored Ordering and Billing Forum ("OBF").

IPDR.org is an open consortium of leading service providers, equipment vendors, system integrators, and billing and mediation vendors collaborating to facilitate the exchange of usage and control data between network and hosting elements and operations and business support systems by deployment of IPDR standards.

The OBF is a sponsored committee of ATIS. ATIS is a member company organization that promotes the timely resolution of national and international issues involving telecommunications standards and the development of operational guidelines. The OBF provides a forum for customers and providers in the telecommunications industry to identify, discuss and resolve national issues which affect ordering, billing, provisioning and exchange of information about access services, other connectivity and related matters.

This LIAISON AGREEMENT is intended to: (i) establish a relationship between IPDR.org and the OBF; (ii) encourage the awareness of each party's respective organization, as appropriate; and (iii) support further cooperation between the IPDR.org and the OBF where the work of each organization has relevance to the work of the other organization.

IPDR.org and the OBF will endeavor to advance the other's organization and its work where appropriate and germane to the mission of the promoting party.

The parties will advise each other and obtain the other's approval in advance of any public statements which they propose to make with respect to the relationship contemplated herein.

The parties shall cooperate with each other on matters of common interest within the scope of their general objectives. Activities that the parties may agree to cooperate on include; but are not limited to, collaboration on joint projects and joint publications. Such activities will be subject to any specific further negotiations.

The parties will endeavor to keep each other regularly informed concerning activities of mutual interest.

The parties will endeavor to advance their respective work to ensure, as much as practical, that the work of each party is complementary. Additionally, the parties will

endeavor to coordinate their respective work to avoid conflicts, and where conflicts arise and are identified, to discuss such conflicts to resolve and/or minimize the areas involved.

To the extent permitted under their respective applicable rules and regulations, the parties will invite each other to send an observer to their respective meetings, where matters of potential interest in the agreed work areas are to be discussed.

Liaisons to the IPDR.org shall be directed to the IPDR President (presently Aron Heintz).

Liaisons to the OBF shall be directed to the OBF Moderator and the OBF Assistant Moderator, as well as the OBF Director.

Each party will be responsible for its own costs and expenses incurred in connection with any activities contemplated hereby.

**IPDR.ORG**

Per: *Aron Heintz* July 19, 2002  
Aron Heintz  
President & COO

**ALLIANCE FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY SOLUTIONS**

Per: *Susan M. Miller* July 30, 2002  
Susan Miller  
President & CEO