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Mr. Glenn Parsons
Chairman of the IEEE 802.1 Working Group
(sent via email)

**Subject: Liaison request and access to IEEE P802.1 Drafts**

Hello Mr. Parsons,

The OPC Foundation (OPC formally known as Object Linking and Embedding for Process Control) is an industry consortium with over 600 OPC Foundation members that creates and maintains standards for open connectivity of industrial automation devices and systems, such as industrial control systems and process control generally. The OPC Foundation operates internationally with offices in USA, Europe and Asia. Information about our organization can be found at www.opcfoundation.org.  OPC is the interoperability standard for the secure and reliable exchange of data in the industrial automation space and in other industries. It is platform independent and ensures the seamless flow of information among devices from multiple vendors.

The OPC Foundation intends to specify the access for IEEE 802.1 based Time Sensitive Networks (TSN). There is a demand from end users to release such a specification as soon as possible.

The OPC Foundation would like to establish a liaison with the IEEE 802.1 Working Group to ensure that the IEEE 802.1 standards and drafts can be used to meet the conformance requirements of both groups. Mr. Jim Luth (jim.luth@opcfoundation.org ) has agreed to serve as OPC liaison officer in the IEEE 802.1 working group.

The OPC Foundation also asks IEEE 802.1 Working Group to grant the members of the OPC Foundation access to the draft documents of TSN elated documents in order to review and prepare the draft OPC specification. OPC Foundation is aware that these draft documents may undergo changes at any time before being published. The OPC Foundation is looking forward to working together with the IEEE 802.1 Working Group on applying TSN technologies to the OPC technology.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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