Call for Technical Comments and Contributions regarding
IEEE Project 802.16j
Deadline: 5 March 2007 AOE

On 30 March 2006, the IEEE-SA Standards Board approved Project Authorization Request (PAR) P802.16j <http://standards.ieee.org/board/nes/projects/802-16j.pdf> authorizing the development of an amendment to IEEE Standard 802.16 regarding Multihop Relay. The PAR includes the scope statement:

This document specifies OFDMA physical layer and medium access control layer enhancements to IEEE Std 802.16 for licensed bands to enable the operation of relay stations. Subscriber station specifications are not changed.

The 802.16 Working Group's Relay Task Group <http://ieee802.org/16/relay> is developing the P802.16j project. The Relay TG has prepared several documents to be used as guidelines:
- Evaluation methodology: IEEE 802.16j-06/013r3
  <http://ieee802.org/16/relay/docs/80216j-06_013r3.pdf>,
- Definitions and terminology: IEEE 802.16j-06/014r1
  <http://ieee802.org/16/relay/docs/80216j-06_014r1.pdf>,
- Usage Models: IEEE 802.16j-06/015
  <http://ieee802.org/16/relay/docs/80216j-06_015.pdf>,
- Technical requirements: IEEE802.16j-06/016r1
  <http://ieee802.org/16/relay/docs/80216j-06_016r1.pdf>,
- Table of contents: IEEE 802.16j-06/017r2
  <http://ieee802.org/16/relay/docs/80216j-06_017r2.pdf>.

It has also agreed to a baseline document:
- P802.16j Baseline Document (IEEE 802.16j-06/026r2)
  <http://ieee802.org/16/relay/docs/80216j-06_026r2.pdf>.

This Call for Technical Comments and Contributions requests comments on, and associated contributions relevant to, the P802.16j Baseline Document, considering the five guideline documents cited above. For uniform handling, each contribution should be referenced, by document number, by a comment indicating the relevant section (page/line/clause, etc.) of the baseline document.

Comments must be prepared using the *Commentary* tool <http://dot16.org/Commentary> and use the Ballot ID "16j", so that the exported comment file name is of the format *16j_FamilyName_GivenName.cmtb*. Any associated contributions must follow the instructions at <http://wirelessman.org/submit.html>. Contribution document naming format will follow the standard IEEE 802.16 naming convention, using *j* for the project designation, with the format *C802.16j-07/xyz*. Make use of the Relay upload directory <http://relay.WirelessMAN.org> to post your comments and any associated contributions.

Failing to any of conditions shown above may exclude the comments and contributions for review.

The Relay TG Chair team may organize the discussions during the next session along with the topics shown below, aiming at successful completion of the baseline document during Session #48 as discussed at the WG Closing Plenary of Session #47 <http://ieee802.org/16/relay/docs/80216j-07_005r1.pdf>. Those are:
- Relay Types
- Security models for P802.16j (in conjunction with relay types)
- Frame structure
- Signalling (Configuration, R-FCH,/R-MAPs & IEs)

- Amble sequence & repetition
- Handover
- MS HO
- RS HO
- MRS Operation
- FBSS
- Ranging
- Initial/BWR/HO/Unsolicited
- Routing & path management
- Procedures & routing algorithm
- Data forwarding scheme
- Network entry
- RS
- Measurement & Reporting
- Neighbourhood discovery & interference
- RS Grouping

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