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Dear Mr. Carpenter,

Subject: IEEE 802.21 WG Liaison to IETF

IEEE 802.21 Working Group is developing a standard specification for Media Independent Handover Services. The standard would facilitate handover support between heterogeneous interfaces and networks for multi-mode terminals.

The work centers around three basic services being developed by IEEE 802.21, namely, Information Services (IS), Event Services (ES), and Command Services (CS).

Currently, IEEE 802.21 WG is also engaged in developing higher layer transport requirements for IS, ES, and CS. In order to develop a higher layer transport mechanism for these services and based on the mutual interest between IEEE 802.21 and IETF MIPSHOP working group members, I would soon communicate these requirements to the IETF MIPSHOP working group.

In the meantime, IEEE 802.21 WG would like to make its current IEEE 802.21 draft specifications P802-21-D00-04.pdf available to MIPSHOP WG members, through the procedure mentioned below.

Per the letter of 26 July 2004 from IEEE 802 to IETF's Bert Winjen and Bernard Aboba entitled "IEEE 802 archive access policy for IETF coordination purposes," I am authorized to grant membership in IEEE 802.21 to an IETF WG chair upon request. As a member of the IEEE 802.21 WG, the IETF WG chair will receive username/password access to IEEE 802.21's drafts. These drafts are IEEE-SA copyright controlled and shall be used by the IETF WG solely for the purposes of IETF research and standards development. They shall not be redistributed outside of the IETF WG, or made use of in IETF drafts, without prior approval.

Please provide me the name of the person most appropriate for membership in the IEEE 802.21 WG in order to expedite IETF participation in our process.

I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce Mr. Yoshihiro Ohba. He has been appointed to act as the IEEE 802.21 Working Group Liaison to IETF.

We greatly appreciate the enthusiasm that IETF members have shown in the work of the IEEE 802.21 WG and look forward to continued mutually beneficial future cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure (1): P802-21-D00-04.pdf

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