



February 27, 2015

To: Mr. Mark Nowell, Chair, IEEE P802.3by 25GbE Task Force

From: Mr. John D'Ambrosia, Chairman, Ethernet Alliance

Subject: Request for Test Input

Cc: Mr. David Law, Chair, IEEE 802.3 Ethernet Working Group
Mr. Pete Anslow, Recording Secretary, IEEE 802.3 Ethernet Working Group
Mr. Jeff Lapak, Associate Director, UNH-IOL

Dear Mark,

The Ethernet Alliance is currently in the initial stages of organizing a "25 Gb/s Signaling Feasibility Technical Demonstration," that is tentatively planned for the week of June 22, 2015 at UNH-IOL. The goal of this event is to help demonstrate the technical feasibility of 25Gb/s signaling technologies to help further enable industry confidence in underlying technologies that will enable 25 Gigabit Ethernet.

The Ethernet Alliance understands the value that UNH-IOL provides to the industry, as a neutral third party test. Therefore, we are reaching out to the IEEE P802.3by 25GbE Task Force to see if there is any input regarding test data we might be able to provide from this event that might help further the development of the 25GbE specification.

As noted above, we are just in the initial planning stages, and the intent of this communication is to gather any test requests from the task force that could be considered by the event participants for inclusion in the test plan. We will begin the development of the test plan on March 16, and would appreciate any input you could provide by then. Please note that the development of a test plan, approval of the test plan, and actual testing is limited to the event participants, who have signed a respective non-disclosure agreement. Any results provided back to the IEEE P802.3by Task Force will be vendor-neutral, and subject to review and approval by the participants.

Thank you in advance.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John D'Ambrosia".

John D'Ambrosia
Chairman, Ethernet Alliance