

## IEEE P802.3bs 400 Gb/s Ethernet Task Force Informal Communication

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Dear Mr. Tracy and members of the Optical Internetworking Forum,

We are pleased to inform you of the formation of the IEEE P802.3bs 400 Gb/s Ethernet task force, which held its inaugural meeting ([http://ieee802.org/3/bs/public/14\\_05/index.shtml](http://ieee802.org/3/bs/public/14_05/index.shtml)) from 12-14 May 2014 in Norfolk, VA, USA. The objectives for the task force are available at: [http://ieee802.org/3/bs/Objectives\\_14\\_0320.pdf](http://ieee802.org/3/bs/Objectives_14_0320.pdf) and the adopted project timeline is available at: [http://ieee802.org/3/bs/timeline\\_0514.pdf](http://ieee802.org/3/bs/timeline_0514.pdf). Please note that the deadline for new baseline proposals is the November 2014 IEEE 802 Plenary Meeting.

Concerning our objective to provide optional 400 Gb/s attachment unit interfaces for chip-to-chip and chip-to-module applications, your CEI-56G family of projects could be of relevance for our work. We would appreciate it if you can keep us informed of progress on these projects and provide any technical content which could be relevant to our applications.

Sincerely,

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