Dear Members of the IETF

In the spirit of continuing cooperation between IEEE 802 and IETF, the following letter addresses new work items for information and potential coordination with the respective IEEE 802 WG.

One of the first steps in the IEEE Standards Association’s standards development process is the creation of a Study Group. Study groups are chartered to create a formal Project Authorization Request (PAR) document that includes a description of the project's scope and purpose.

The following Study Groups were approved at the Nov 2015 IEEE 802 Plenary –

- IEEE 802.3 Single Lane 50 Gb/s Ethernet Study Group
- IEEE 802.3 Next Generation 100 Gb/s and 200 Gb/s Ethernet Study Group
- IEEE 802.3 25Gb/s Single Mode Fiber Study Group

Further information about Study Groups may be found at [http://www.ieee802.org/StudyGroups.shtml](http://www.ieee802.org/StudyGroups.shtml).

Please note, per the IEEE 802 Policies and Procedures that a Study Group is chartered to operate until the next plenary session, a period of four months and, if it wishes to continue, must request a charter extension. Study Groups may also terminate between plenary sessions if their proposed project is approved by the IEEE Standards Association Standards Board.

Additionally, within the IEEE 802 family of standards, there is a requirement that each new project proposal attaches additional documentation that describes its engineering feasibility, market potential, assurance of coexistence and distinct identity relative to previous standards (referred to as the "CSD" in 802, which also includes the "5 criteria"). The "Criteria for Standards Development (CSD)" used by IEEE 802 can be found in document:

[https://mentor.ieee.org/802-ec/dcn/14/ec-14-0028-00-00EC-csd-informative-extract.pdf](https://mentor.ieee.org/802-ec/dcn/14/ec-14-0028-00-00EC-csd-informative-extract.pdf)
Also please note that IEEE meetings are open and may be attended by any individuals who register and fulfill any registration fees. Details regarding future IEEE 802 plenary meeting schedules may be found at http://802world.org/plenary/future-plenary-sessions/. Please refer to individual working groups for their interim meeting schedules. A listing of all working groups may be found at http://www.ieee802.org/.

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