

GISB Future Technology Task Force Enron

Minutes: Aug. 30, 1999

Attendees:

Theresa Hess	Enron GPG
Terry Lehn	EDS
Jim Keisler	Williams
Gary Payne	Enron Administrative Corp
John Tsucalas	EDS
Richard Hamilton	Williams
Andy Sicignano	Enron Capital & Trade Resources
John Tsucalas	EDS

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Jim Keisler. Andy Sicignano volunteered to take minutes.

Minutes from August 25, 1999 were approved without modification.

Review of EDM Guide

Overview of Process: The group spent some time discussing what could be accomplished in the short time remaining before the publication deadline.

Review of comments from Sylvia Munson and Theresa Hess: We had Sylvia's comments from the previous week's call, and Theresa attended the meeting to present her comments.

- Formatting: EBB/EDM and FF/EDM need to be updated to use redline. We will need a copy of source documents.
- Table of Contents
 - Add new material Tab 6 changed to say EDI/EDM and BATCH FF/EDM
 - Add Tab 8: TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION – INTERNET: EBB/EDM
 - Add Tab 9: TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION – INTERNET: INTERACTIVE FF/EDM
- Version Notes: (We'll come back later)
- Introduction
 - Tab7: Add: Provides an overview of the business process for IP/EDM
 - add Tab8: Provides an overview of the business process for EBB/EDM
 - add Tab9: Provides an overview of the business process for Interactive FF/EDM
- Executive Summary: Underline Y2K statement.
- Business Reasons for using Internet EDM: restore language about VANs.
- Allowable TCP port numbers: 6874 is correct.
- TCP Communications: Remove principle and standard from here since it appears elsewhere. Insert: GISB Principle 4.1.37 and GISB Standard 4.3.70, restrict the number of ports used for EDM communications.
- Principles:
 - Change title to Standards, Principles and Definitions
 - Add new standards (deferred for Sylvia)
- Technical Implementation: add BATCH FF/EDM in EDI/EDM title.
- Common Code Identifier: Change to Identifier code because max size is 13 bytes, where GISB common code has a max size of 9 bytes.
- Remove table of contents in body
- Batch Flow Diagram: Don't know how to paste the Visio diagram into WP.
- General Flow:

- Move HTTP Post under General Flow.
- Add at beginning: The following is an example of the steps necessary to send a EDI/EDM and Batch FF/EDM file.
- GISB Transaction Codes: We need to put table in related standards section, and change references above to reflect this location.
- Security Recommendations: Changed to General Security Recommendations.
- Internet EDM Standard Error Codes and Messages: Remove “common” from identification code.
- HTTP:
 - Deleted first sentence which referenced old version of EDM document. Also deleted last sentence, since it adds nothing of value.
 - Reference for RFC1341 added.
- List of standards moved to right before Appendix A.
- Informational Postings:
 - Moved standards list
 - Insert flow diagram
- Interactive Flat File:
 - Added “for example” in table
 - Related GISB Standards section needs to be removed and list inserted before Appendix A.
 - Flow diagram: softened language to show there are many alternatives.
 - Specification: Rearranged first paragraph to make it clear that this only one example. All occurrences of ‘should’ changed to ‘can’.
 - Page Functions: softened language.
 - Pre-validations: Deleted sentence and added phrase.
 - Increased size of spreadsheet to improve readability.
- EBB/EDM
 - Introduction: indicated that referenced standard was completely quoted.
 - What is covered: changed workstation standards to guidelines, dropped flowing gas etc.
 - What is not covered: reports deleted.
 - Related standards: dropped ‘open standards’, and added GISB-related standards.
 - Navigation: deleted reference to navigational pages.
 - Wording changed on screen shot of Customer Activities page.
 - All fonts changed to Arial 11.
 - Heading changed to “Technical Implementation – EBB/EDM.
 - Flowing Gas: Reformatted
 - Invoicing: Reformatted
 - Capacity Release: Reformatted
 - The Parts of the Page
 - “The Menu” changed to “Navigational Links”
 - “as applicable” added.
 - Layout of Transactional Pages: Definition of Header, Form, and Matrix changed.
- Removed nomination screen picture because it had too many errors.
- Navigation on Transactional Pages:
 - Dropped last sentence about link to top.
 - Title, and other occurrences changed from “Transactional” to “Customer Activities.”
- Processing Functions:
 - Delete example which shows use of functions being place at a location in the form area.
 - Delete list of processing functions since they are already in standards.
 - Added TM to JavaScript@.
- The Form:
 - Changed “would” to “can” for population of Form from Matrix.
 - Remove last paragraph.(no value added).
- The Matrix:
 - Made clear that other selection options are possible.

- Dropped “standardized” from Form, and changed reference to a list of columns in the last sentence.
- Lookups: Dropped reference to nomination screen in first sentence, to make it more general.
- Time Synchronization: Dropped, since it is in Appendix A
- Minimum Configuration: Place in Appendix C.
- Server Specifications: Dropped first paragraph which had no value.
- Ports
 - Corrected allowable list
 - Added trademarks for Java
 - Added “outbound”, to correspond with standard.
- Client Specifications:
 - Java version should be 1.1.7, but removed version number, referenced in Appendix C. This is a special case, because Java version needs to be specified, i.e. higher or lower version numbers may cause problems.
- Related Standards: Added entries for new tabs, and Appendices. Request number for new work assigned as R99036.

The four sections are to be sent to GISB:

Terry doing Tab 9,
John doing Tab 8,
Jim doing Tab 6,
Richard doing the rest.

All the sections are to be e-mailed to Veronica @ the GISB office.

Next meeting: FTTF needs to complete the work of R99036, that is, to complete the update of the EDM guide to conform with the standards and principles of GISB v1.4. Transcapacity had tentatively offered to host a meeting in Boston on October 21,22. Mike will check GISB calendar.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.