



Gas Industry Standards Board

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July 29, 1998

TO: GISB Executive Committee Members
FROM: Rae McQuade, Executive Director
RE: Request from the Chairs of the EBB Internet Implementation Task Force

The chairs of the EBB Internet Implementation (EII) Task Force met on July 28, and supported an action to transfer item nos. 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the June 1 report to the Board of Directors, (see attached), to the Future Technology Task Force for immediate action. As the full task force will not meet until August 13, the chairs urge you to endorse this action such that the items can be transferred by end of business Friday, July 31. If transferred by July 31, the Future Technology Task Force should be able to begin to address the items in its next scheduled meeting, which occurs prior to August 13. The chairs note that time is critical for these standards to be developed, or they would not come to you for this endorsement; they would wait or the meeting on August 13.

The chairs of the task force are:

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Please call the GISB office by July 31 to note your support for or opposition to this action.

[The voting results are attached - July 31, 1998]

Rae McQuade

cc: Dennis Holbrook
Laurie Paulson
Susan Croley



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EXCERPT FROM THE JUNE 1 REPORT TO THE BOARD

PAGE NOS. 24 & 25, ITEM NOS. 7, 8, 9 & 10

7. Minimum technical requirements for access to the transactional Web site are suggested below. These suggestions should be forwarded to FTTF for further development.
 - Connection Device 28.8 K or above
 - Operating System Multi-threaded & Pre-emptive
 - RAM 32Mb or more
 - Display Capabilities 800 x 600, 256 colors
 - Monitor > > 12' Laptop
 - > > 15" Desktop
 - Browser Capabilities Support cookies, frames and nested frames, tables and nested tables.
 - Examples of User Workstations meeting this criteria:
 - Hardware P 200MHz or greater
 - Communication Device Direct Connect
 - ISDN
 - Satellite
 - 56KB modem
 - Operating System Windows 95 or greater
 - NT 4.0 or greater
 - Solaris 2.6
 - System 8
 - Browser Microsoft IE 4.0
 - Netscape Communicator 4.04 or Netscape Navigator 4.04
8. FTTF should define security for the transactional Web site after the Business Process Subcommittee has defined the security requirements for access, privacy, integrity and non-repudiation. Security requirements are suggested below that should be forwarded to FTTF for further development.
 - At a minimum, the transactional Web page data communications from the browser to the Internet server should be capable of encryption and occur in a protected session.
 - Client-side certificates should not be required.
 - Userid/password authentication is required.
 - The authentication process should be in an encrypted session.
9. FTTF should define any necessary standards for connecting with third party communication networks.
10. FTTF should define redundancy recommendations for Internet connections which allow the TSP to choose the options that are most cost effective for meeting its customer's requirements.



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Executive Committee Members Voting on the Request from the EII Task Force Chairs to move item nos. 7, 8, 9 and 10 to the Future Technology Task Force Group:

	Member	Yes/No/Abstain ¹
1.	Kristine Mespelli	
2.	Lee Smith	Yes
3.	Diane McVicker	Abstain
4.	Kelly Daly	Yes
5.	Dona Gussow	Yes
6.	Bill Oppenheim	Yes
7.	Bob Betonte	Yes
8.	Chris Maturo	
9.	Mike Novak	Yes
10.	Gary Beland	Yes
11.	Mike Bray	Yes
12.	Dale Davis	
13.	Paul Love	
14.	Shelley Corman	Yes
15.	Norm Walker	
16.	Jerry Hahn	
17.	Richard Smith	Yes
18.	Joe Wiley	Yes
19.	Paul Keeler	Yes
20.	Bob Wallenhorst	No ²
21.	Carl Caldwell	Yes
22.	Donna Scott	Yes
23.	Jim Buccigross	No
24.	Mark Scheel	
25.	Keith Sappenfield	Yes ³

¹ Votes received by 3:00 p.m. Friday July 31, 1998. If no vote was indicated, no response was received.

² Bob Wallenhorst would prefer that the Executive Committee further discuss this request before making a determination.

³ Keith Sappenfield noted that the FTTF recommendations should not act as limitations to transactions that can be performed on the Internet.