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via email

TO: NAESB Certification Program Committee, Managing Committee Members, and Posting for Interested Parties

FROM: Rae McQuade, NAESB President
James Cargas, NAESB Deputy Director

RE: Notes from Certification Program Committee Conference Call on July 12, 2005

DATE: July 14, 2005

Dear NAESB Certification Program Committee and Managing Committee Members,

A Certification Program Committee (CPC) conference call was held on July 12, 2005. The following notes and assignments resulted from the meeting.

Certification Program Committee:

Tuesday, July 12, 2005

- Administrative:
- Mr. Cargas gave the antitrust guidelines and took roll call.
 - The draft agenda was adopted by consensus.
- Review of Alternative Proposal:
- The Committee reviewed and discussed a proposal made by Mr. Behr for a certification program modeled after eBay's vendor rating system. The proposal contains 3 tiers of certification: (1) product in production, (2) average level of sales of product as verified by trading partners, and (3) high level of sales of product verified by trading partners. The proposal would add another dimension to the new self-certification program and not be a substitute for it. It would be a customer/trading partner satisfaction index.
 - The proposal could be amended by eliminating tier 1, leaving only 2 tiers. However, the proponent felt there was value in demonstrating acceptance in the marketplace prior to any sales.
 - It was observed that the division between tiers 2 and 3 would be arbitrary and different for each quadrant. The analogy was made to the Texas market where some parties are Texas-only players and others are nationwide players. There is an obvious difference and tiers 2 and 3 would reflect a similar difference.
 - Energy software customers are not similar to eBay customers and energy software vendors are much fewer than eBay vendors. Presently, each party takes the time to conduct their own investigation and learn about the other prior to completing the sale. Confidentiality of the customer list would be preserved by the NAESB office.
 - There was consensus that the proposal required further review and would be considered at a later date, after the industry has some experience with the new process and has determined that other features would be valuable. Mr. Behr was thanked for his efforts.
- Draft Corporate Officer Certification and License Agreement:
- Mr. Cargas, Ms. McQuade and Mr. Spangler prepared a draft Corporate Officer Certification and License Agreement based on the 1999 GISB license agreement.
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Draft WGQ Checklist:

- It was observed that the self-certification process does not completely eliminate the need for third-party certifiers. Software company executives may still want an internal audit conducted prior to executing the officer certification.
- After some minor corrections, the Committee adopted the draft by consensus. It will be forwarded to General Counsel, Bill Boswell, for review.
- Mr. Buccigross and Ms. Rager have updated the WGQ Version 1.6 checklist to comply with Version 1.7.
- The Committee members thanked them for their work and requested that the check list be divided into its various components with headings, e.g., Internet ET, data/information requirements and web site. Mr. Cargas and Mr. Buccigross will revise the draft WGQ check list.
- Once these revisions are made, technical review will be provided by some of the members who are active certifiers. Mr. Darnell and Mr. Pfeifer agreed to identify individuals in their organizations who can support this activity. Mr. Buccigross will also be contacted.

Draft Retail Checklist:

- Mr. Behr has begun the draft retail check list and will have it available for review during the next CPC conference call on Aug. 4.
- Consensus was that the retail check list should include Internet ET and data/information requirements.

Draft WEQ Checklist:

- Mr. Sorenson has prepared a draft WEQ checklist that contains the OASIS Standards & Communications Protocols (S&CP). His efforts were complimented, especially since he maintained the same look and organization as other NAESB check lists.
- The Committee clarified that PKI should not be included in NAESB's Certification Program until NAESB has adopted PKI standards for applicability to the WEQ.

Action Items:

- The draft corporate officer certification and license agreement will be forwarded to Mr. Boswell for review.
- Mr. Buccigross and Mr. Cargas will subdivide the draft WGQ Version 1.7 check list into, Internet ET, data/information requirements and web site.
- Once subdivided, the WGQ Version 1.7 check list will be reviewed by staff from Mr. Darnell's and Mr. Pfeifer's organizations as well as by Mr. Buccigross.
- Mr. Behr will complete the draft a Retail check list for the Committee to review during its Aug. 4 call.
- Mr. Sorenson will complete the draft WEQ check list for the Committee to review during its Aug. 4 call. It may already be complete, and will be verified by Mr. Sorenson.
- The WEQ checklist will be forwarded to Mr. Oberski for his review.



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Committee Schedule:

- Thursday, August 4, at 10:00am CST – conference call.
- Wednesday, August 31, at 10:00am CST – conference call.
- Thursday, September 22 – full report to NAESB Board of Directors with all check lists and officer certification documents in final form.

Attendance:

Name:		Organization:
1	George Behr	Energy Services Group
2	Christopher Burden	Williams Gas Pipeline
3	James Cargas	NAESB
4	Rob Connell	ERCOT
5	David Darnell	Systrends
6	Dave Pfeifer	SunGard EnForm Consulting
7	Rae McQuade	NAESB
8	Leigh Spangler	Latitude Technologies