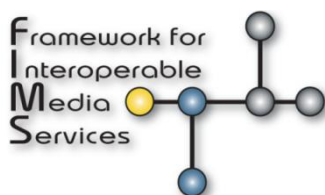




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Request for Technologies

The European Broadcasting Union (EBU) and the Advanced Media Workflow Association (AMWA) are co-publishing this Request For Technologies (RFT) as the result of joint activities in the FIMS Task Force.

The Task Force has been created to address issues around interoperability in digital workflows. The joint effort between the EBU and the AMWA to seek out a common approach to the integration of software components in modern media production facilities is believed to be a fundamental need of the entire media industry. The Task Force is nearing completion of Version 1.0 of the FIMS Framework. We are now soliciting contributions for Phase 2. It is important to develop FIMS to provide help for media companies, manufacturers and software solutions providers with business challenges. For this reason, the FIMS group is focused on solving real-world problems related to service oriented media workflows. Therefore, FIMS is seeking contributions in order to determine the focus of work on the next Specification. All potential professional users are particularly encouraged to submit one or more use cases. The scope of this RFT is specifically limited to requests for the definition of the interfaces to media processes, and to contributions which help us to further refine the FIMS Framework,

Version 1.0 of the FIMS Framework defines a media services framework and service definitions for three fundamental media services; media ingest, media transform and media transfer. The goal of Phase 2 is to identify and standardise additional service definitions under the FIMS Framework.

Proponents are invited to submit use cases from any media domain, and are asked to include technical requirements together with submission details and the relevant background information using the Use Case Template that can be found at [5]. You do not have to be a member of the FIMS Task Force to submit a contribution, although membership is encouraged. You will need to join the Task Force in order to participate in the FIMS project.

Proponents are encouraged to read the original Request for Technology, and they are also encouraged to review the information on the FIMS wiki. The wiki may be found at [1]. The original RFT can be found at [4].

Once responses have been received, they will be reviewed by the FIMS Task Force. (Task Force meetings are open to anyone who has signed a FIMS Participation Agreement.) The Task Force will evaluate the responses, and select some or all of the use cases for further work. Then we will establish priorities and a work schedule. In the case where consensus cannot be achieved regarding submissions, a decision will be made by the FIMS Administrative Group (Giorgio Dimino (RAI), Jean-Pierre Evain (EBU), Brad Gilmer (AMWA), John Footen (Cognizant), Hans Hoffmann (EBU) and Paul Gardiner (Sony)).

The submission deadline and detailed submission guidelines can be found at [6]. Please address any request for information to ebu_amwa_adm@list.ebu.ch.

The deadline for submissions of use cases is the 15th January 2012.

References and links:

- [1] Framework for Interoperable Media Services wiki – <http://wiki.amwa.tv/ebu>
- [2] European Broadcasting Union (EBU) – <http://www.ebu.ch>
- [3] Advanced Media Workflow Association (AMWA), <http://www.amwa.tv>
- [4] FIMS RFT Request for Technologies - http://wiki.amwa.tv/ebu/images/0/07/FIMS_RFT.pdf
- [5] FIMS use case template and example - http://wiki.amwa.tv/ebu/index.php/File:UseCase_capture_v1.doc
- [6] http://wiki.amwa.tv/ebu/index.php/Phase_2_-_Submission_Guidelines