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Re: SON Forum Service Enablers Characteristics Draft Technical Report

To OASIS, TM Forum, OMA, DMTF, ATIS-IIF, ATIS-TMOC and ATIS-PTSC:

The concept of Service Enablers (SE) is understood to be of great benefit in service architectures and implementations as a means of providing generic underlying services functionality to other software applications.

When an entity considers using a 3rd party SE, there must be sufficient information about the SE to be confident that the SE is suitable for the entity's intended purpose. It is desirable to have a common structure for describing SE characteristics in order to allow any potential SE consumer to read SE descriptions the same way from any SE providers.

One of the work items in the ATIS SON Forum is to define a common SE characterization structure that is complementary to the SE functional interface itself. We believe that the attached technical report draft is sufficiently defined to convey an initial list of characteristics that we feel are important to include, as well as sharing our philosophy on how granular the characteristics should be.

We are sharing the current draft with your specific organizations because you are leading major work related to SEs that has likely involved some thinking about the particular problem we are addressing. We would very much appreciate your review and

feedback; we look forward to continued collaboration with your organization.

The next ATIS SON Forum meetings will be held on January 7, 2010, and on February 9-11 2010.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: Draft ATIS SON Forum Service Enabler Characterization  
Technical Report (from SON-SDCE-2009-013R3)

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