

TC100 US TAG Membership and Liaison Application/Contract

1. Applying for
 - TC100 US TAG Membership
 - Liaison with TC100 US TAG from _____.
2. Is your company a member of CTA?
 - Yes
 - No

3. Contact Information

Last Name	
First Name	
Title	
Company/Organization	
Mailing Address (include city, state, zip)	
Email	
Telephone	
Fax (optional)	

4. Include a letter from your employer nominating you to represent the company/organization on the TAG with your application. It should include reasons why the company/organization wishes to participate in these activities.
5. Please read the roles and responsibilities in the Agreement below. Submission of the application and signature on the Agreement, verify that you have read and understand your role and responsibilities as a member of the US TAG to IEC Technical Committee 100.

Consumer Technology Association Standards Program TC100 US TAG Agreement

US TAG to IEC TC100, Audio, Video and Multimedia Equipment and Systems

Thank you for your interest in membership in the US Technical Advisory Group (TAG) for IEC TC100, Audio, Video and Multimedia Equipment and Systems. The U.S. TAG provides the management for U.S. participation in the IEC TC100. It initiates New Proposals for nationally accepted Standards and Technical Reports and approves proposals and committee drafts submitted by Standards Developing Organizations or Consortia for consideration by IEC TC100 as International Standards. The U.S. TAG also determines U.S. positions on IEC standards, technical reports, committee drafts, questionnaires, TC100 meeting agenda items (and allows delegate flexibility on them), and meeting reports. It assists with resolving comments on draft IEC standards. The U.S. TAG provides U.S. representation to IEC TC100 meetings, designates heads and members of delegations, and ensures proper U.S. participation. The U.S. TAG identifies and establishes close liaison relationship with other U.S. TAGs in related areas. The TAG recommends the acceptance of Secretariats for IEC Technical Committees to the United States National Committee (USNC), and it makes recommendations to the USNC on IEC TC100 meetings in the U.S. The U.S. TAG also recommends candidates for leadership and participation in IEC TC100 Technical Areas, working groups, project teams, and maintenance teams to the USNC.

SCOPE. The US TAG prepares international publications in the field of audio, video and multimedia systems and equipment. These publications mainly include specification of the performance, methods of measurement for consumer and professional equipment and their application in systems and its interoperability with other systems or equipment. Note: Multimedia is the integration of any form of audio, video, graphics, data and telecommunication and integration includes the production, storage, processing, transmission, display and reproduction of such information. The scope of the U.S. TAG to the IEC TC100 is consistent with that of the international body, covering audio, video, and multimedia systems and equipment. Areas of activity include specification of the performance, methods or measurement for consumer and professional equipment and their application in systems and its interoperability with other systems and equipment. Technical Areas covered include: Digital Receiving Equipment, Colour Measurement and Management, Infrared Systems and Applications, Digital Systems Interfaces, Cable Networks, Storage Media, Multimedia Home Server Systems. As a TAG member, your active involvement in TAG affairs is expected and participation will be monitored per the TC100 US TAG Procedures and the U.S. National Committee.

ELIGIBILITY. Membership in the US TAG is open to all US national interested parties who indicate that they are directly and/or materially affected by the activity of the TAG, after being informed concerning TAG working procedures and scope of activities. A national interested party is any individual located in the US, representing an organization, company, government agency or themselves, including US branch offices of foreign companies.

VOTING RIGHTS. New TAG members are eligible to vote when they first join the TAG. To maintain voting eligibility, a TAG member must not be absent from three (3) consecutive TAG meetings and must return 50% of the ballots over a given six (6) month period. A TAG member who has lost voting privileges can re-gain them by attending a TAG meeting and by returning 50% of the ballots over a given six (6) month period. If a teleconference follows the procedures for meetings, it is considered to be a meeting for the purposes of voting eligibility. Ad Hoc meetings are not considered for the purposes of voting eligibility. Liaison participants are not eligible for voting rights.

TERM. Participation requires an annual fee. The term of the contract will be one (1) year from payment of the annual fee.

PARTICIPATION ANNUAL FEE. There shall be no undue financial barriers to participation. CTA members may participate in the US TAG to TC100 at no additional cost. Non-members may participate after paying an annual administrative fee of \$400. The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) is the secretariat for the U.S. National Committee of the IEC. ANSI charges annual individual U.S. TAG dues for each member, which is \$295. CTA covers the ANSI individual U.S. TAG dues for CTA members. Non-members must pay the annual ANSI dues of \$295. All travel expenses are the responsibility of the participants or their sponsors. Liaison participants are not required to pay membership dues.

CTA will invoice your company and you must pay the fee amount within 30 days of the invoice date. Checks may be made payable to: Consumer Technology Association, P.O. Box 37154, Baltimore, MD 21297-3154. There will be a \$50 charge for all returned checks. Wires, Electronic Fund Transfers (EFT) or Automated Clearing House (ACH) should be sent to:

Branch Banking & Trust Co. – Virginia
2200 Wilson Boulevard
Arlington, VA 22201
ABA Routing Number: 051404260
Account Number: 0000154956875
SWIFT Code: BRBTUS33

CTA does not cover intermediary or beneficiary banking fees. Please add twenty-five dollars (\$25.00 USD) to the total amount due or check with your bank for exact fees in order to assure your balance is paid in full. To ensure proper processing of payment, you must e-mail notification of the wire/EFT to JChen@cta.tech.

LIAISONS. Liaison participants are exempt from membership dues and are not eligible for voting rights. Liaisons are subject to approval by the TAG (either by in meeting vote or letter ballot). Once approved, liaison participants are added to the email reflector of the TAG and are given access to all TAG documentation. In return, liaisons are expected to provide regular updates to the TAG (at least one per year) either at a TAG teleconference or meeting or in writing.

CANCELLATION. If you want to cancel this Agreement, you must send notice in writing and cancellation will become effective when received by CTA. The annual fee is non-refundable. CTA retains the right to cancel any standards group. In that event, CTA will pro-rate a refund of your annual fee notwithstanding cancelling a group for a force majeure reason under Section 8.

LIABILITY. Neither party shall be responsible for any losses, liabilities, claims, judgments, costs, demands, and expenses caused by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the other party, its affiliates, their respective partners, principals, agents, representatives or employees.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL EITHER PARTY BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER PARTY FOR INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, SPECIAL OR EXEMPLARY DAMAGES (EVEN IF THAT PARTY HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES), ARISING FROM ANY PROVISION OF THIS AGREEMENT.

GOVERNING LAW. The Agreement and all related party rights and obligations will be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia without giving effect to any conflicts of law rules that would cause the application of the laws of any other jurisdiction. Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the breach thereof (except for an action for injunctive relief) may be resolved by arbitration in accordance with the Rules of the American Arbitration Association in effect at the time the arbitration is initiated, and judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrators may be entered in any court jurisdiction thereof.

RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES. Each of the parties to this Agreement is an independent contractor and nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as to create a partnership or joint venture between the parties, to impose any liability as such on either of them, or to grant either party the right to bind the other without the other's prior written consent.

FORCE MAJEURE. The performance of this Agreement by either party is subject to Acts of God, war, government authority or regulations, terrorism, disaster, fire, labor disputes, strikes, civil disorder, health risk, communication line failures, power failures, curtailment of transportation, or other similar cause or threat thereof beyond the control of the parties, making it inadvisable, illegal, or impossible to perform to the terms of the contract, hold the event or provide the facility. The Agreement may be terminated or revised for any of the above reasons without liability by written notice from one party to the other.

This Agreement contains the complete statement of the agreement between the parties and may not be modified except in a writing signed by CTA and you.

By the signature below, the individual signing this Agreement warrants that he/she is authorized to execute this binding contract on behalf of your company. Thank you for your interest in the CTA standards program.

Dave Wilson
VP, Technology & Standards
Consumer Technology Association

Company Name: _____

Signature: _____

Print Name/Title: _____

Date: _____