

## **OMA Governmental Agency Participants**

The Open Mobile Alliance (OMA) is pleased to welcome participation by agencies of national governments. The process of setting specifications works best when all the relevant parties have the opportunity to provide requirements that will ensure the Specification will meet the needs of all stakeholders.

OMA Specifications have application in a wide spectrum of services. Some of these services, such as Public Safety, Emergency Communication, Smart Grid Technologies and Health Care may be particularly relevant to national agencies.

OMA is an association founded by its members. Our companies include Operators, IT suppliers, Telecommunications equipment vendors, as well as other commercial enterprises. A common factor of all OMA members is that they have agreed, as a principle of membership, to license their intellectual property rights (IPR) that are essential to the Specification on Fair, Reasonable, and Non-Discriminatory (FRAND) terms.

OMA recognizes there are circumstances that make agreement to such a licensing requirement difficult for agencies of national governments. For that reason, OMA has created a special class of participant called Government Agency (GA) participants. GA participants are not required to sign the membership agreement, but they are requested to follow guidelines that allow OMA to function within its normal operating rules.

Specific guidelines:

1. GA participants are invited to participate in OMA. Their participation will be reviewed annually, during the first quarter of each year.
2. GA participants who make contributions need to be sure that they are sourced from public materials which may be republished by OMA on its public website.
3. GA participants must avoid making any contributions that contain essential IPR. Referencing of external sources, such as other specifications or information from other specification setting bodies, where the information may contain essential IPR is permitted.
4. GA participants who make contributions need to utilize the Input Contribution Template reserved for GA members. OMA staff members and Working Group chairs can help you select the proper template.
5. OMA generates both Public and Confidential documents. OMA meetings and conference calls are by default, confidential. OMA requests that GA participants maintain the confidentiality of the proceedings and of confidential documents to the extent your agency allows it. Distribution of confidential information to relevant personnel in your agency is acceptable.

- We request that OMA confidential information not be broadly distributed to the public or published to public websites without OMA's permission.
6. GA participants are asked to identify themselves and their agency when attending conference calls, meetings and other technical discussions.
  7. GA participants will be asked to identify a Primary participant who will be the person who may be contacted for any business or procedural questions.
  8. If a situation arises where the GA participant believes they cannot meet one of these guidelines, they should contact a member of the OMA staff who will be able to provide further guidance on the best way to proceed.

There is no participation fee for GA participants. GA participants will be required to pay the meeting fee for face-to-face meetings. These fees defray the direct costs of meeting space, Internet access, and food for the attendees.

GA participants will have full access to the OMA portal. They may attend meetings, subscribe to the email lists and bulletin board forums, make contributions to specifications, and review documents. GA participants are not permitted to vote on the specifications or on procedural matters.

If you have any questions about these guidelines or about your participation in the OMA work, please contact the OMA General Manager, Seth Newberry at [snewberry@omaorg.org](mailto:snewberry@omaorg.org).

Please sign below to acknowledge receipt of these guidelines and return a copy by fax to +1 858 623-0743.

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