

The Products and Services Strike Team of the Joint Initiative is pleased to announce that the Inter-hour Transaction Accelerator Platform (I-TAP) business case and Agreement of Interest are now being offered to interested parties. I-TAP is a tool to facilitate and reduce the workload burden and time required to initiate and finalize within-hour and other transactions. In simple terms, I-TAP will be an internet accessible bulletin board 'hub', or meeting place, that links existing systems (e.g. OASIS, e-tag author, e-tag approval, deal-capture, trading platforms, etc.) as spokes, via new I-TAP hub software and hardware, to enable high-speed real-time transactions via a single port of entry.

The purpose of the I-TAP Agreement of Interest is to determine whether there is a critical mass of interested parties who would like to pursue a Request for Proposal regarding the design, implementation, and operation of I-TAP. The Agreement does not contain a financial commitment.

We encourage any of you who are interested to sign the Agreement of Interest. The deadline for signing the agreement is September 28, 2009. If you are interested in supporting I-TAP, but are not able to sign an Agreement of Interest by September 28th, please communicate your interest to Kristi Wallis at [kristiwallis@sprintmail.com](mailto:kristiwallis@sprintmail.com).

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Charlie Reinhold (480-215-0299) or Kristi Wallis (206-726-1699).

Thank you for your interest in the Joint Initiative.

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