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Membership

Members actively drive the PRIME Alliance agenda and the future evolution of the royalty free open standard for the members and guarantee the backward compatibility of the specifications to protect the investments. Their work to date is reflected in the established standard already adopted for mass deployments. Our worldwide membership can contribute and influence the standard's development as additional features expand PRIME's suitability for all geographic markets and applications.

Becoming a PRIME Alliance regular member is open to all potential partners who agree to actively support and promote an open and public specification for the benefit of the end-user and all industry stakeholders.

There are two levels of membership, Principal and Regular, and a full explanation of these memberships, the rights, benefits and obligations of members, can be found in our articles of association, downloadable from website www.prime-alliance.org/join. Members are represented from cross sector industries, including utilities, research institutes, laboratories, chipset and software companies, smart meter and data concentrator vendors, integrators and consultants.



Collaboration

PRIME Alliance organizes itself in working groups, facilitating efficient collaboration of member resources. Members can choose to assign personnel to the Technical Working Group (TWG) and/or the Promotional Working Group (PWG) where they can contribute accordingly. On boarding for new members of the TWG takes place online on a quarterly basis and is designed to give an insight into the very important technical work and the various taskforces that operate under the TWG enabling members to choose how they contribute.

Collaboration for all working groups takes part through our members portal, where members can actively participate in the technical developments as well as access all the documentation they need. Taskforces hold regular conference calls and we take the opportunity to include appropriate face-to-face meetings around major industry events. Our members share their experiences with other members, assisting members to get up to speed and on-board quickly. A member's discussion forum is available for one-to-one exchange ideas and questions of both a technical and general nature.

Utility members can benefit from our experience exchange forum, 'From utilities - To utilities', where experienced utility members support other utilities, especially those that are beginning their association with PRIME technology. Experiences may be shared concerning PRIME deployments, and assistance given around how to maximize performance and success rates, on a one to one basis.

Benefits

- Utilities can take advantage of other utilities experience
- Access to all internal Alliance documentation
- Access to internal specification revisions and pre-release materials
- Can propose specifications
- Ability to join interoperability workshops
- PRIME Certification of member products through one of the three independently approved laboratories
- Certified products shown on the website, along with certificates
- Active participation in technical and promotional working groups
- Attendance at networking events and annual general members meetings.
- Collaboration through the PRIME members portal
- Company logo and Company information page, included on the PRIME website and in PRIME collateral and at industry events
- Use of the PRIME trademarked logo for promotions

Process

Joining is a simple process. All the documentation and a 'how to join' guide can be found on the 'Join PRIME' section on our website. Membership fees are indicated on our application form and you can get assistance with the process by emailing info@prime-alliance.org where the team will be pleased to assist you.