

# Web Services Working Group Data Sheet

## BACKGROUND

The IFX Forum's Steering Committee approved the formation of a new Working Group on February 6<sup>th</sup> called the Web Services Working Group (WSWG). Web Services is defined as the following:

*The Internet is used more for application-to-application programming. The interfaces that are involved in application to application programming over the Internet are generally referred to as Web Services.*

This Working Group will be tasked with determining the feasibility of supporting web services in the current specification. The Working Group will also assess the needed changes to the specification to support additional features of web services and web services architecture.

The purpose of the WSWG will be to do a full investigation of the existing and developing web services architecture currently in the market. The working group will look into the usage of the current specification within prevalent web services architecture. After a full assessment, all recommendations regarding impact to messages, the specification, documentation, and data structures will be given directly to the IFX Architecture Committee and from there to the effected working groups.

The working group will limit investigation to the current released IFX specification, Version 1.4. Investigation of web services will be limited to current specifications in web services that are either managed by a standards organization (i.e. OASIS, W3C) or are in the final stages of working group submission to such a body. The WSWG focus will be on (but not limited to) SOAP, WSDL, UDDI, WS-Security, WS-I, BPEL4WS, ebXML (i.e. ebMS, BPSS, RegRep), and SAML. WSWG will use and extend the work originally done by IFX Architecture now on the IFX website. There will also be an investigation of the current IFX Framework in the light of application to application programming.

## BENEFITS OF TASK FORCE:

The WSWG will be able to show that IFX is staying ahead of the web services momentum by showing how the standard schemas and messages fit into the web services infrastructure. Without the formation and delivery of the work of the WSWG there is a risk of ongoing web services implementations that are inconsistent and/or incompatible with other implementations. The working group will provide comprehensive guidance on the usage of IFX with web services models that are emerging. In doing so, the working group should be able to assure IFX members as to the stability, flexibility, and longevity of the IFX Business Message Specification.

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## PARTICIPATION AND MEETINGS:

Participation in this working group is open to all members of the IFX Forum. The WG is specifically looking for individuals that have a knowledge and interest in Web Services. For instance, consumers of web services, providers of web services, web services platform providers, etc. The working group will primarily meet via conference call either weekly or bi-weekly beginning on Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 1pm Eastern Time. Please check the "IFX Calendar of Events" on the public website for more details.

To get involved with the WSWG, please contact Tim Cochran at [tcochran@disa.org](mailto:tcochran@disa.org) or 703-518-4163. There is a listserve set up and a Members' Only section devoted to this working group. You may also contact the Chair and Vice Chair for more information. Their contact information is as follows:

- **Chair:** Sid Sidner, ACI Worldwide ([sidners@aciworldwide.com](mailto:sidners@aciworldwide.com))
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