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### **Massachusetts: Last Day To Submit Comments On Proposal To Include OOXML In Enterprise Architecture**

Massachusetts' Information Technology Department (ITD) has released the next draft of its Enterprise Technical Reference Model (ETRM) for public comment. Among the changes is the inclusion of the Ecma-376 Office Open XML Formats (OOXML). The Alliance strongly urges its members to provide comments, which should be submitted to [standards@state.ma.us](mailto:standards@state.ma.us) no later than 20 July 2007.

Enterprise Technical Reference Model v.4.0 Public Review Draft -

<http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=itdsubtopic&L=3&L0=Home&L1=Policies%2c+Standards+%26+Guidance&L2=Drafts+for+Review&sid=Aitd>

Groklaw - <http://www.groklaw.net/article.php?story=20070712160114539>

The ConsortiumInfo.org Standards Blog -

<http://www.consortiuminfo.org/standardsblog/article.php?story=20070709085538784>

Alliance Comments – <http://www.odfalliance.org>

### **<NO>OOXML Petition Reaches 20,000+ Signatures; Ibero-American Campaign Launched Against OOXML**

The <NO>OOXML petition, now in 26 languages, has reached 20,000 signatures. As the 2 September 2007 deadline for national standards bodies to submit their votes on OOXML approaches, the Ibero-American campaign against OOXML at ISO has been launched.

Sign the <NO>OOXML Petition - <http://www.nooxml.org/petition>

Ibero-American Campaign web site - <http://meneame.net/story/campana-iberoamericana-office-openxml-no-debe-ser-iso-29500>

<NO>OOXML in Spanish - <http://www.openxml.info/>

## **Japan's Interoperability Framework Recognizes ODF**

Japan adopted a policy under which government ministries and agencies will solicit bids from software vendors whose products support internationally recognized open standards. Previously, government agencies could ask bidders to submit bids based on whether their products offered functions comparable to particular software suites. The interoperability framework, which takes effect immediately, gives preference to procuring products that adhere to open standards, and which interoperate easily with other software.

Alliance Release - <http://www.odfalliance.org/press/Release20070710.pdf>

## **Kerala (India) Officially Adopts ODF**

Kerala, a state in southwestern India, has now officially adopted its information-technology policy, which states that "[o]pen standards like Unicode and Open Document Format and Open Architectures will be followed in e-governance projects to avoid total dependence on select vendors." The "Information Technology Policy: towards an inclusive knowledge society," was published in January 2007 and the subject of a lengthy public consultation process.

Kerala ICT Policy 2007 - <http://www.keralaitmission.org/web/main/ITPolicy-2007.pdf>

## **New York, Minnesota Enact Legislation Calling for Study of Electronic Document Formats**

New York became the second state, along with Minnesota, to enact legislation requiring the study of electronic document formats. Both bills require the states to examine how electronic documents can be created, maintained, exchanged, and preserved in a manner that encourages appropriate government control, access, choice, and interoperability. After a public consultation process, findings and recommendations are to be reported to the respective legislatures no later than January 15, 2008.

New York Bill - <http://www.assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A08961>

Minnesota Bill (see section 77) -

<http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/bin/getpub.php?type=law&year=2007&sn=0&num=148>

## **New Applications Support for ODF**

Sun's ODF Plugin 1.0 for Microsoft Office is now available allowing users of MS Office to import and export to ODF.

Malte Timmerman's Blog - [http://blogs.sun.com/malte/entry/more\\_details\\_about\\_sun\\_s](http://blogs.sun.com/malte/entry/more_details_about_sun_s)

## **New Alliance Members**

Please welcome the following new members: Gubro-PR (Brazil); University of the Philippines Linux Users' Group (the Philippines); CBMES - Corpo de Bombeiros Militar do Espírito Santo (Brazil); 4Linux (Brazil); DBA Company Informática Ltda. (Brazil); Futuro Sistemas (Brazil); IBAMA - Inst.

Brasileiro do Meio Ambiente (Brazil); 18 de Abril Alimentos Ltda (Brazil); FAMEG - Metropolitan College of Guaramirim (Brazil); Xensoft Labs (India); ManeelGrover.Com (India); and Zando Computer SRL (Romania).

### **ODF-Related Conferences/Events**

Aug. 5-9, 2007

National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Annual Meeting - Boston, MA  
<http://www.ncsl.org/annualmeeting/registration.htm>

Sep. 19-21, 2007

OpenOffice.org Annual International Conference (OOoCon 2007) - Barcelona, Spain  
<http://marketing.openoffice.org/ooocon2007/>

Sep. 19-21, 2007

EU 4th Ministerial eGovernment Conference - Lisbon, Portugal  
<http://www.megovconf-lisbon.gov.pt/>

Oct. 15-16, 2007

Government Open Source Conference (GOSCON 2007) - Portland, Oregon  
<http://goscon.org/>

Nov. 12-15, 2007

The Internet Governance Forum (IGF) - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
<http://www.igfbrazil2007.br/index.htm>

### **ODF In the News**

#### **Microsoft Faces EU Probe on Word, Excel Dominance, People Say**

By Matthew Newman, Bloomberg.com; July 20, 2007

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601085&sid=aR9bHOp5bm3A&refer=europe>

#### **V1 committee gives thumbs down to Open XML doc spec**

That means the U.S. could reject it as an open standard next month

Eric Lai, ComputerWorld; July 16, 2007

<http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9027164>

#### **Standards Org Deals a Blow Against Microsoft's OOXML Format**

By Michael Calore, Wired Blog Network; July 16, 2007

<http://blog.wired.com/monkeybites/2007/07/standards-org-d.html>

#### **Microsoft OOXML spec 'dangerously flawed'**

Techworld.com 07/11/2007; Matthew Broersma

<http://www.itworld.com/App/070711msooxml/>

**Integration key issue in Massachusetts review of Open XML**

By John Fontana, Network World, 07/05/07

<http://www.networkworld.com/news/2007/070907-integration-key-issue.html>

**Ecma to create standard out of Microsoft's PDF rival InfoWorld**

By Elizabeth Montalbano; June 29, 2007

[http://www.infoworld.com/article/07/06/29/Ecma-to-create-standard-from-Microsoft-PDF-rival\\_1.html](http://www.infoworld.com/article/07/06/29/Ecma-to-create-standard-from-Microsoft-PDF-rival_1.html)

**Reviewing the "Accessibility of Ecma Office Open XML File Formats"**

Peter Korn's Weblog; July 03 2007

[http://blogs.sun.com/korn/entry/reviewing\\_the\\_a\\_href\\_http](http://blogs.sun.com/korn/entry/reviewing_the_a_href_http)

**Mark Shuttleworth: ODF Beats MSOOXML**

Solid Office

<http://www.solidoffice.com/archives/571>