



## The SCC Value Proposition

### Why Participate in the Standards Coordinating Council?

Information sharing standards are numerous. They are generated by many different types of organizations for a variety of audiences. These broad and far-reaching standardization efforts require oversight and coordination, which is the purpose of the Standards Coordinating Council (SCC). The SCC provides advice and counsel on matters related to information sharing and safeguarding standards and other related issues in responsible information sharing.

#### So why get involved with the SCC?

As information sharing standards grow and develop, there needs to be a body to oversee this development and provide guidance to standards development organizations (SDOs) on issues related to these standards and how they fit in the context of the overall landscape of information sharing and safeguarding initiatives. Developed in accordance with the *Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004*, the SCC serves as this high-level oversight. As such, SCC member organizations are poised atop this standards landscape, gaining insight into trends, issues, opportunities for collaboration, and potential challenges. SCC members:

- Gain important business intelligence on information sharing and safeguarding.
- Contribute an organization's position and expertise at this high-level, affecting positive change in standardization efforts.
- Network with key players in the standardization effort to get more detailed information on topics of interest, make alliances for collaboration, and discover new opportunities.

The trend in information technology is the use of composable solutions for overcoming challenges – in other words, taking pieces and parts from other solutions and using them in your own solution to simplify the process and save time and money. The SCC, and its Project Interoperability effort, is working towards the defining and promoting of the composable pieces and parts that can help a broad community of users jump start their interoperability solutions, incur less risk, and have a quicker time to delivery. Participation in the SCC and its Project Interoperability efforts can give organizations strategic insight into this trend.

Need to know more? Let's talk about the value that participation in the SCC can bring to your organization.

#### Are you from a standards development organization (SDO) or an industry association?

The SCC was chartered with SDOs and industry associations in mind because of their relevance in standards landscape. SDOs and industry associations will realize value through their participation in the SCC by:

- Gaining improved coordination of key interoperability issues for information sharing and safeguarding in the interest of the *National Strategy for Information Sharing and Safeguarding*.
- Improving the ability to reduce or eliminate duplication of effort in standards creation and maintenance – a benefit not only to SDOs and industry but to the entire standards stakeholder community through reduced fragmentation and better application of limited resources.



- The extension of your reach into the information and expertise of other organizations involved in similar efforts, even if they are outside your typical area of operation. (Think of it this way...a rising tide of awareness and expertise on a topic will raise all the boats on the water.)
- More readily identifying national interoperability needs through a direct access to government agencies, professional associations, industry members, and SDOs.
- Achieving greater visibility and exposure to potential new members, new participants, and new sources for subject matter expertise.
- Obtaining early education, experience, and market release of the Information Sharing Environment's Information Interoperability Framework (I<sup>2</sup>F) recommended interoperability best practices and standards.
- The work of the SCC can serve as natural drivers for architecture and engineering standards and become a catalyst for the standards work performed by member organizations and for products delivered by member organizations.
- Have the unique opportunity to address issues of relevance that transcend the mission boundaries of any one SDO, industry member, or stakeholder organization.

#### **Are you from a government agency?**

Government organizations can develop a two-way flow of information with the standards community and related stakeholders to ensure that not only are government initiatives in line with the work of the standards community, but that input can be made to the standards community from the valuable perspective of the government agency. This type of knowledge will be valuable from many perspectives, including funding and procurement.

#### **Are you from a nonprofit or academic organization?**

The nonprofit and academic communities are supporting information sharing and safeguarding by educating information technology professionals and through research and development projects. Both of these endeavors will benefit greatly from knowing the players, trends, and standards involved in the SCC and Project Interoperability. Academic and nonprofit institutions can pass on this knowledge to their communities as well as provide input to the SCC on member-identified trends and research findings.

#### **Get involved with the SCC!**

Visit [www.standardscoordination.org](http://www.standardscoordination.org) to find out more about the SCC and Project Interoperability and to get involved!

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*As new enhancements are being completed and new services are being designed, our organization is responsible to ensure that these follow government standards and utilize the most efficient, cost saving methodologies. By participating in the SCC, I have been able to bring back to my organization a stable way of designing services that will be interoperable with others and allow for smoother transitions. I have been able to provide feedback to the SCC on how the standards are being utilized in the field and what improvements aid in the continuing of our efforts.*

—Federal Bureau of Investigation

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