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Call for technical information

WG8 Task Force 4 have started the work on developing the contactless card test environment standard as approved (see ISO/IEC JTC1/SC17 N 2713) in spring 2005. The first meeting took place on 2005-09-26 and the new task force established a list of technical issues to be addressed and the prime goals to be achieved when developing the standard. The prime goals are:

— Improve interoperability
— Take into account existing work (ie. Industry specific specifications)
— Identify areas where the base standards may need to be enhanced
— Prioritize work according to market drivers
— Recognition that time is of the essence in developing this standard

A work-plan that phases the development of the standard while prioritizing the work according to market drivers has been produced. TF4 is committed to an aggressive development timescale whereby the FCD ballot is targeted for the 3rd quarter of 2006.

One of the most important goals is to take into account similar work known to be underway in a number of industry sectors. Supply of technical details that are, in some cases, beyond the reach of TF4 members, are vital to the success of TF4 and to provide the assurance of future inter-industry interoperability.

WG8 unanimously supported the suggestion of TF4 that a call for technical contributions relating to the development of this standard should be sent out to SC17 members, test houses and those other organizations known to be using PICCs and requiring interoperability, in order to emphasize the importance of obtaining contributions from those organizations currently working independently from ISO in this area. Examples of such organizations are financial institutions, MRTD issuers and transportation scheme operators.

Information should be sent to the WG8/TF4 Secretary Mr. Chris Stanford (CJStanford@compuserve.com), with copy to the WG8/TF4 Convener Mr. Francis Christian (fc.consulting@earthlink.net) and to the WG8 Secretariat (office@wg8.de).

Please send your contributions by no later than **2005-12-17.**