

From: [Elizabeth Walsh](#)
To: [Emily Bremer](#)
Cc: [Karen Myers](#); [Carl Malamud](#); [Tim Berners-Lee](#); [Amy van der Hiel](#); [Jeff Jaffe](#)
Subject: Re: Federal study on open standards
Date: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 5:30:47 PM

Dear Emily and Carl,

I have set up the following teleconference bridge for your call with Jeff.

Team_(ACUS)

Friday, 19 August [14:00-15:00 UTC](#) (10:00am-11:00am Boston local)

Zakim Bridge [+1.617.761.6200](#), conference 2287 ("ACUS")

6 participants

Jeff Jaffe [<jeff@w3.org>](mailto:jeff@w3.org)

Best,
Beth

On 8/17/2011 4:54 PM, Emily Bremer wrote:

Great! Thank you!

-----Original Message-----

From: Karen Myers [<mailto:karen@w3.org>]

Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 4:46 PM

To: Emily Bremer

Cc: Carl Malamud; Tim Berners-Lee; Amy van der Hiel; Jeff Jaffe;

ewalsh@w3.org

Subject: Re: Federal study on open standards

Hello Emily and Carl,

Thank you for your patience.

I am pleased to tell you that W3C's CEO, Dr. Jeff Jaffe [1] would be happy to speak with you about your project. I am copying Jeff and his admin Beth Walsh so that you can schedule time directly with her.

Kind regards,

Karen

[1] <http://www.w3.org/People/Jeff/>

On 8/10/2011 4:42 PM, Emily Bremer wrote:

Ms. Myers,

Thank you for your quick reply and interest in the project. I understand that August is a big vacation month, and though I'm on a somewhat tight timeline, I can wait until after August 15.

A description of the project, which may give you an idea of the kind of information I'm interested in, is available on the Conference's website:

<http://www.acus.gov/research/the-conference-current-projects/incorporation-by-reference/>

I'll look forward to following up with you next week. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask!

All the best,
Emily

-----Original Message-----

From: Karen Myers [<mailto:karen@w3.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2011 4:36 PM
To: Carl Malamud; Emily Bremer
Cc: Tim Berners-Lee; Amy van der Hiel
Subject: Re: Federal study on open standards

Hello Carl and Emily,

Thank you for reaching out to us.

Tim as well as our policy and eGov folks are all on vacation. Would it be possible to follow up with you after 15 August when some of them will be available? I hope this will not impede your progress.

Alternatively, I would be happy to schedule an introductory call with so that I could learn more about the types of questions you have and be able to quickly direct you to the right W3C staff.

Look forward to hearing.

Kind regards,

Karen

On 8/10/2011 1:29 PM, Carl Malamud wrote:

Hi Tim -

The Administrative Conference of the U.S. (acus.gov) is a formal federal agency charged with making administrative law recommendations. I'm one of the public members, joining the general counsels of most large federal agencies.

They are doing a study on Standards Incorporated by Reference. The researcher for ACUS, Emily Schleicher, has spoken to groups such as ANSI and NFPA. As you know, the federal and state government adopt technical standards by reference, and those become binding on people. Examples range from building and fire codes to technical standards in telecom and materials (e.g., "definition of excessive levels of lead in paint used in schools.").

Could you or one of your policy folks take a call with Emily? I wanted to make sure she spoke to standards bodies that don't charge for access to their standards. She's spoken with OASIS, but even a few minutes with you would be helpful. She'll be issuing a report, which will become a formal recommendation, probably this fall. The issue has visibility in the Congress as well. Your voice on open standards would be helpful.

Emily is at 202.480.2086 and she is cc'd on
this message.

Best regards,

Carl