



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **1. How does NTAF distinguish itself against industry for like the TesLA Alliance, the Test Automation Alliance, and others?**

NTAF distinguishes itself in the following key ways:

- ❖ Most members: Broadest participation of any comparable forum
- ❖ Most customer representation: The only forum to include service providers and network equipment manufacturers as members
- ❖ Most open: NTAF is committed to producing open standards that will be made available to anyone. NTAF is likewise open to any organization looking to contribute to developing standards
- ❖ Truly independent: Professionally managed by an external 3<sup>rd</sup> party management firm with extensive experience managing standards organizations

### **2. Does NTAF have established relationships with any standards organizations?**

NTAF itself does not have a direct relationship with any standards organizations. However, test automation is a relatively new arena, and NTAF will liaise with other standards bodies as appropriate.

### **3. What "gaps" in the current work put out by these standards organizations does NTAF seek to address**

No network automation standard or specification addresses the areas of test management, test case authoring, scheduling, reporting, or in the areas of device discovery or capability description – all in complete openness.

### **4. Will NTAF offer a certification program? If so, how can my product(s) get certified?**

The process for certification is still to be determined. The current thinking is that NTAF will provide a means for self-certification to allow rapid and low-cost adaptation.

### **5. Who can be part of NTAF?**

NTAF welcomes applications from companies, organizations, or individuals with an interest in network test.

#### **6. What are the requirements become a member?**

Prospective members must complete a membership application form and submit it to the NTAF board for approval. Membership fees are US\$15,000 for companies with \$10M or more in revenue, and US\$7,500 for companies with less than \$10M in revenue.

#### **7. How does NTAF maintain transparency with its members?**

Members are welcome to send representatives to all live meetings and teleconferences. Meeting minutes are distributed to all members. Members also have access to a document repository containing proposals, draft standards and commentary. Financially, NTAF's budgetary and spending information are available to members on request.

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