Foreword

The *Draft Working Procedures* allocate the responsibility for approving applications from organizations wishing to join oneM2M as new Partners to the Steering Committee. Since the Steering committee is not established yet the plenary of M2M Consolidation Partners Teleconference-01 June 2012 raised the need for having an interim process for treating Partnership applications until the Steering Committee starts its work.
The next section describes this interim process.

Process

In the following text the term “*Founding Partner*” stands for those SDOs, which officially committed to sign the *Partnership Agreement.*

1. **Announcement**The procedure for inviting the verticals of the commonly reviewed list shall include the announcement to them that the *Founding Partners* are open to receive applications to join oneM2M as a *Partner,* as well the information how to apply for a Partnership (see 2.).
2. **Applications to join oneM2M**
Until oneM2M will have been founded and the Steering Committee will start its work according to the approved *Working Procedures* an application to join oneM2M as a *Partner* may be sent to the contacts of any of the *Founding Partners*, which have been listed in the worldwide published press releases and also in the agreed communication package for the verticals (see attachment). The application shall be sent as a letter from a person in authority (D-G, Sec Gen, etc) in which the applicant states clearly its wish to apply. The letter should include some brief information about the applicant, a link to its website and to its IPR Policy. It should also state whether it wishes to be considered for the Partner Type 1 or Partner Type 2 category.
The applicant shall receive in return a copy of the oneM2M Agreement and be informed that this is the document that it will need to be ready to sign. Any missing information should be requested.
3. **Candidatures Review**
Once an application is received it should be sent to the other *Founding Partners* for consideration.
Each *Founding Partner* will consider whether the applicant fulfills the criteria given in the *Partnership Agreement* (agreed version of 25 May 2012).
* **Partner Type 1**
	1. *Partnership Agreement*, paragraph 1.9:
	Applicant is a legal entity and is a member-based organization that has acknowledged competency in the area of the work.
	2. *Partnership Agreement*, paragraph 3.1:
	Applicant’s IPR Policy is compatible to one of the *Founding Partners*.
* **Partner Type 2**
1. *Partnership Agreement*, paragraph 1.10:
Applicant is a legal entity and is a member-based organization that has acknowledged competency in the area of the work.
2. *Partnership Agreement*, paragraph 4.1:
**Either** applicant’s IPR Policy is compatible to one of the *Founding Partners*
**or** provided written assurance that
- its oneM2M contributions are made in accordance with a Partner Type 1 IPR Policy; and
- its members are bound by such an IPR Policy relative to any oneM2M contributions

Each *Founding Partner* will follow its internal approval process to prepare its own position on the application.

1. **Candidatures Approval**Due to the different internal approval processes of the *Founding Partners* and the possible different efforts to evaluate the IPR Policy compatibility of the applicants a decision date cannot be committed. An existing MoU or cooperation agreement with one of the *Founding Partners* might speed up the decision process.
*Founding Partner*s decision to accept the new Partner shall be taken by correspondence among the HODs. A unanimous decision from all *Founding Partner*s is required.
The *Founding Partner* which has received the application shall inform the accepted applicant and send an invitation for the signing (incl. ceremony).
In case the approval process of an application which was received before the oneM2M founding date cannot be finished before the founding date, the Steering Committee will take over and continue the approval process according to the approved *Working Procedure*s.

# Attachment

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