

Getting Involved

As an EPCglobal US Subscriber, you have a unique opportunity to get involved in shaping the future of supply chain management. To ensure that the issues and needs of your industry and organization are addressed and accommodated within the EPCglobal Network, you must actively participate.

Through our affiliation with EPCglobal Inc, US-based Subscribers collaborate with their global business partners to create EPCglobal Standards for the EPCglobal Network. Our mission is to facilitate your involvement through education and support.

To maximize your EPCglobal US subscription, we encourage you to actively participate in the EPCglobal community through our Action Groups. These groups provide the interaction and collaboration that drive the standards development process. Leading companies across industries around the world enthusiastically participate in these groups. All Action Groups are divided into numerous Working Groups to focus on various parts of standards development. Once Working Groups complete their tasks, they report their findings to the Action Groups, who review and approve the technical specifications. The Action Groups then report to the Steering Committees, who review and recommend standards for EPCglobal Board of Governor's ratification, through the President of EPCglobal Inc.

Action Groups (As of October 2005)

- **Business Action Groups (BAGs)**
 - The BAGs are charged with setting requirements for the EPCglobal Inc standards development process and with driving the adoption of the EPCglobal Network through the use of those standards. Organized into Working Groups focused on strategy, technical or implementation concerns, Business Action Groups are populated by senior Electronic Product Code (EPC) and Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) solutions professionals.
- **Hardware Action Group (HAG)**
 - The HAG develops specifications for element and interface standards for key hardware components of the EPCglobal Network, including readers and tags.
- **Software Action Group (SAG)**
 - The SAG defines the software functionality and interface standards for the EPCglobal Network and how these elements interact with distributed enterprise systems.

To Join an Action and Working Group(s)

1. Complete and submit a signed Intellectual Property (IP) Policy on behalf of your company. The IP Policy is intended to foster open communications among participants and to establish a common understanding of the rights and obligations of Work Group participants concerning IP. This IP Policy ensures that EPCglobal's Network technology remains non-proprietary, to the greatest extent possible for the benefit of industry. The EPCglobal Intellectual Property Policy is located in this section of the Kit or the document can be downloaded from the website at www.EPCglobalinc.org, click on *Action Groups*, choose *IP Policy*.

Complete and fax the entire IP Policy with signature to +1.609.620.0255. Note: No revisions or additions will be accepted.

2. Upon receipt of a signed IP Policy, you are eligible to participate in EPCglobal Working Groups. To determine which Working Groups are appropriate for your company, review pages 3-13 of this Kit or download the charters of the active Working Groups to submit signed Opt-In Agreements for each group that your company would like to participate.

To download the charters with Opt-In Agreement Forms, visit the Document Library in the eRoom at <http://erom.uc-council.org>, login using your User ID and Password. Once you enter the eRoom, click on *EPCglobal Subscriber Community* and choose *Document Library* to locate Opt-In Agreements and charters.

Complete the appropriate Opt-In Agreements and fax to +1.609.620.0255, ATTN: Kelly Rhoades.

3. Within 2 working days of submitting your company's Opt-In Agreement, you will receive an email confirming receipt of the agreement and representatives will be added to the EPCLINKLIST mail server archival system. Follow the directions in the email to login to the EPCLINKLIST system to find the latest communication to the Working Groups. You may then participate in conference calls and attend the meetings.
4. Within 7 working days of submitting your company's Opt-In Agreement, you will receive access to the Action and Working Group areas of the eRoom. You will receive an email notifying you of your access. Please visit the eRoom to review the latest documents, meeting minutes, and schedules.

As an EPCglobal US Subscriber, this is the first step in becoming actively involved in the Community and the development of EPCglobal standards for EPC/RFID technologies. Please feel free to contact our Subscriber Services Team should you require any further assistance or information at +1.937.291.3300 or via email at EPCinfo@EPCglobalUS.org

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