Blockchain PSIG Call Notes

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# Attendees

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# Agenda

* LETS RFP

# Meeting Notes

## RFP Response / Draft Specification

### How to Label an RFP Response

MB asks what would go on the cover page of a draft MAM Specification that may become the response to the proposed RFP.

OMG things are called ‘Specification’ – after it’s been accepted

RFP Response – proposed specification in response to an RFP

Also called ‘Adopted Technology’ at a specific stage in its lifecycle.

See OMG Technology Process and Char Wales’ summary and diagrams of that.

### Profiles

Established term for a combination of conformance points. Not the same as a UML Profile.

RFP may then define mandatory and optional Compliance Profiles where the optional ones build on the mandatory bit.

### Non normative v normative parts of the Specification

* Non normative usually goes in an Annex
* Annexes are identified as being Normative and Non Normative

Non normative section may talk about how one implements the spec.

## RFP

### RFP Anatomy

Everything goes in Section 6.

This defines what each sub-section in 6 contains.

Also fill in some of the initial stuff.

Otherwise all in Section 6.

These are called Sections and sub-Sections, not Clauses as we have in a Specification.

## Review Google Docs Draft LETS RFP

The stuff currently in 6.2 / 6.5 of the Google Docs draft may belong more correctly in the Problem Statement.

### Requirements

6.5 Requirements must be in the language of *shall* or *must.*

6.6. non-Mandatory Requirements do not have *shall.*

 - this is a surprise – see below, this is about what the proposed standard submission shall include not the optional conformance points for a piece of software. Each conformance point in the resulting Specification, whether it is a mandatory part of the response to the RFP or not, will be framed in terms of what a conformant piece of software ‘shall’ do.

In general, use ‘must’ (or ‘shall’) for mandatory

In the sense of ‘Proposal shall provide’ and ‘Proposals may provide’ or ‘may support’.

Under Issues to be Discussed: Proposals shall describe how / provide rationale for and so on.

### Example

See STI RFP from Sept 2018

Can also have a list of things that *the submission shall:*

1. Thing
2. Thing

And so on.

Submitters will need to use legal language in these submissions. e.g.:

1.3 Conventions

The key words "shall", "shall not", "should", "should not", "may" and "need not" in this document should be interpreted as described in Part 2 of the ISO/IEC Directives [ISO2]. These ISO terms are compatible with the same terms in IETF RFC 2119 [RFC2119].

### Compliance Profiles

Q: Where do the Compliance Profiles go?

See DDS (2001) or a more recent RFP.

What sub section of Section 6 do the proposed Profiles go?

Also there is a way to specify these?