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Subject: RE: License for the IFX Specifications

Importance: High

Jim,

It was good talking with you earlier today and thank you for your thorough description. We appreciate your support and encouragement for the use of IFX specifications as a basis for a student loan message standard. Please let us know what we can do to assist you and the Department of Education in making this a reality. You have the Forum's permission to use, copy, and distribute the IFX Specification in your Thursday presentation and on the CD on which the IFX Specification will be distributed for free by the Department to potential implementers. The Forum strongly encourages distribution and use of the specification, including printing of sections of the standard, as needed.

As I mentioned in our earlier conversation, though IFX retains copyright to the specification, similar to OTA it provides for the free availability and use of the standard. I was not able to open and view the Acrobat PDF file that you had attached, so was unable to see how you represent the OTA Specification and propose to represent the IFX Spec as relates to general licensed usage. Clearly, your intended presentation, and distribution and promotion of and reference to the Specification is in our mutual interest. So please proceed; I would like to see the general license statement for both OTA and IFX if you can send them as a text or Word file.

Lastly, we would be very pleased to work with you on coordinating press coverage of the Departments recommendations to use the IFX Specification for business services when the time is appropriate. Thank you again and I look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions regarding business message specification please contact us.

Kind Regards,

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

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For perspective, I am project administrator for the JA-SIG Collaborative (www.ja-sig.org) that has participants in several hundred colleges and universities. The focus is on standards-based administrative applications using XML and Java. We are encouraging the use of existing standards rather than creating new standards for data exchange.

I also have completed several assignments with the Department of Education on the Modernization Blueprint. I have attended some of the IFX meetings when working with Dennis Warnke on a possible student loan standard. (There

are two; neither IFX compliant at this time. The Department of Education does, however, recommend IFX compatibility and may be willing to change).

As part of its work for the Department of Education, im+m publishes a CD-ROM that includes standards the Department would like developers to follow. The IFX standard is one that would be included. (Separately I am asking ED to send you a copy of the most recent. It also has background materials and video of some recent presentations). im+m previously had published compilation of standards for student financial aid for the National Council of Higher Education Loan Programs and for instruction for the Aviation Industry CBT Committee.

We would like to cite a general license to use the standards. I have enclosed a PDF file showing how we represent OTA and would represent IFX in the CD-ROM. We would take the IFX specification and add bookmarks (if they are not present now) and full text search in the CD-ROM. Since all of the developers would be provided a copy by the Department of Education (free), they can print the sections of the standard they need.

Incidentally we have a list of abbreviations used in the IFX elements; these same abbreviations were used in the Department's Common Record XMLtags assuming convergence with the IFX specification within the next two years.

Thursday I begin meetings with suppliers where JA-SIG is recommending implementation of the IFX specifications for business services. As these recommendations become public, I will coordinate with you so you can have some press about the cooperation if you wish.

Thanks for your assistance.

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