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The Metro Ethernet Forum is actively promoting the deployment of Ethernet in the Metro. Several of our participants are also active in IEEE 802.1ad and they have made us generally aware of the new work on Provider Bridges. We are very interested in this work and believe that it is highly desirable that the MEF keep its work aligned with IEEE 802.1ad. To that end, we would greatly appreciate it if you would, at your convenience, arrange for a tutorial on Provider Bridges at an upcoming MEF meeting. Our meeting schedule for the rest of 2003 is April 8 – 10 in Vancouver, August 5 – 7 in Denver, and October 28 – 30 in San Diego.

In addition, we would like to make our Approved Drafts available to your experts. They may be found at http://www.metroethernetforum.org/\_root/members/drafts.htm The user ID is mef and the password is 3030.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.