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**Subject:** Broadband Forum adopts open structure

Dear colleagues,

You've probably noticed that over the last few years, Broadband Forum has been engaged in a significant transformation. Beginning in mid-2016 when we committed to embracing both the best of open source and standards development, the entire organization has been evolving both its methodology and its deliverables. Our goal is to deliver significantly faster time-to-market and an enhanced Dev/Ops approach by initiating new agile methods for rapid delivery of innovative software and standards. Many projects have now been successfully delivered using this approach – including several that have leveraged Open Source licensing.

On October 14, 2019, Broadband Forum took the final step to become 'open', adopting new Bylaws, which resulted in the Forum considering all its activities to be 'open' for the purposes of the U.S. Export Administration Regulations (more information on this change can be found at <https://www.broadband-forum.org/about-bbf/legal>). The new Bylaws eliminate any restrictions on sharing Forum documentation and allow for anyone with interest to have access to Forum deliberations and documents if they apply for it.

The impact of these changes for our liaison partners is that any communications you send will now be transparent to anyone that wants access.

We look forward to our continued relationship and to the next chapter in the story of Open Standards and Open Source. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Robin Mersh ([rmersh@broadband-forum.org](mailto:rmersh@broadband-forum.org)).

Sincerely,

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