ATIS 3GPP Individual Member Participation

Article 8 of the 3GPP Working Procedures provides that "Membership in an Organizational Partner is a prerequisite for Individual Membership of 3GPP. All entities registered as members of an Organizational Partner and eligible for participation in the technical work of that Organizational Partner, can become Individual Members of 3GPP. An Individual Member has the right to participate in the work of 3GPP by attending meetings of the Technical Specification Groups and subtending groups."

ATIS has developed the following policy to explain how an entity may join ATIS and participate in 3GPP as an Individual Member (IM).¹

Applying for Membership in ATIS. To be eligible to be a 3GPP IM through ATIS, an entity must first apply for and become a Full, Affiliate or International Member of ATIS, as provided in Article II, Section 1 of the ATIS Bylaws.

- Full Membership in ATIS is open to service providers, manufacturers, distributors and developers of communications, entertainment and information technology products and services.
- Affiliate Membership is open to any organization that does not qualify for Full Membership status yet supports the advancement of ATIS’ mission.
- International Membership is available to any service provider whose primary business operations are located outside of North America and that qualifies for Full Membership but chooses not to participate in ATIS as a Full Member.

The ATIS membership application form is available from https://www.atis.org/about/membership/membership-application/.

Becoming a 3GPP IM through ATIS. An ATIS Full, Affiliate or International Member may choose to participate in 3GPP as a 3GPP IM via ATIS upon submission of the appropriate ATIS application form and payment of the appropriate fees. The ATIS Member so applying will be the “Primary” 3GPP IM and is responsible for making membership decisions (whether to apply for additional ATIS 3GPP IMs, whether to cancel additional IMs, etc.). A schedule of participation fees for Primary ATIS 3GPP IMs will be published annually by ATIS.

Applying for Additional 3GPP Individual Memberships. A Primary ATIS 3GPP IM may apply for additional ATIS 3GPP IMs (“Additional IMs”) on behalf of its “affiliates,” each of which will be part of the Primary ATIS 3GPP IM. For these purposes, an “Affiliate” shall be a legal entity that is: (1) directly or indirectly owns or controls, or is owned or controlled by, an ATIS Member; or (2) under the same direct or indirect ownership or control as the ATIS Member. A schedule of participation fees for Additional IMs will be published annually by ATIS.

¹ While ATIS has traditionally permitted only one 3GPP IM per ATIS member, ATIS modified this policy in August 2023 to align with changes made by 3GPP to its voting rules.
Upon approval of the application and payment of the Additional IM participation fee, the Additional IM(s) will be permitted to participate in 3GPP with the same rights and responsibilities as the Primary ATIS 3GPP IM. Additional IMs may attend 3GPP meetings and may vote in accordance with 3GPP’s rules. They may also participate fully in ATIS 3GPP IM discussions.

Number of Additional IMs. While ATIS imposes no limit on the number of Additional IMs that can be associated with a Primary ATIS 3GPP IM, 3GPP rules do impose limitations on voting and participation.

Meeting Hosting Fees/Other Fees. Additional fees may be imposed on Additional IMs related to the hosting of 3GPP meetings. These fees would be imposed based on the number of meeting participants from Primary ATIS 3GPP IM and Additional IM participants. To the extent these fees are incurred, they will be billed to the Primary ATIS 3GPP IM.

Any questions about this policy may be directed to Thomas Goode, ATIS General Counsel.