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Dear Tate:

The member agencies of the international Consultative Committee for Space Data Systems (CCSDS) welcome you as a new Associate Member. We recognize the benefits of strong cooperation between the private and governmental organizations involved with the exploration and development of space.

Achieving space mission cost-reduction and interoperability via standardization significantly relies on the willingness and ability of private institutions to provide standards-compatible systems and equipment. To date, private institutions have developed over 150 standards-compatible products that utilize CCSDS standards.

CCSDS Associate membership allows your company to influence the process of international space standardization in multiple ways:

1. Participate in the Agency review of CCSDS documents and submit comments in the form of Review Item Disposition (RID) sheets.
2. Submit a concept paper for a proposed new area of standard development.
3. With the sponsoring Agency's concurrence, send representatives to CCSDS Area and Working Group Meetings.
4. Attend biannual CCSDS workshops where your experts can help shape standards.
5. Receive CCSDS outreach and public affairs information such as newsletters, meeting announcements, and press releases.

By commenting on CCSDS Recommended Standards, Practices and Informational Reports during their development, you can have a significant influence on the standardization process.

The exchange of information between CCSDS and its Associate members is provided electronically by the Secretariat. All published CCSDS documentation is available at <https://ccsds.org/>.

Please do not hesitate to contact the CCSDS Secretariat <mailto:secretariat@mailman.ccsds.org> should you have any questions concerning your participation as a CCSDS Associate member.

Best regards,

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