**KHRONOS NEW INITIATIVE PROPOSAL**

This document is for member or non-member sponsors to propose a new Khronos initiative

**New Initiative Process Description**

Khronos welcomes and encourages new initiative proposals by both members and non-members. New initiatives come under Khronos’ consideration by submitting this form to the Managing Director. If the membership is interested and the Board agrees, an Exploratory Group would be formed with the goal of creating a Statement of Work and eventually requesting approval from the Board to execute the SOW under a Working Group, Task Sub Group (TSG), Advisory Panel or Advisory Forum.

Guidelines and process for proposing a new Khronos initiative:

1. Complete the proposal as outlined below. It should not include any detailed design contributions that may be IP encumbered, but should focus on the industry issues and opportunities to be addressed, and how Khronos can add value to the industry in general, versus detailed solution proposals;

2. Submit the completed proposal to the Managing Director. The Managing Director will confirm receipt and send to the Board to raise any concerns, suggest amendments and request additional information, before it is sent to the general membership and a Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) meeting scheduled;

3. TAP meetings are IP-free and open to all Khronos members to gauge initial levels of interest and gather feedback, via a straw poll captured in the meeting minutes. If non-member companies are involved in the proposal, they must execute an NDA if they wish to attend.

4. After the TAP meeting, a straw poll will be sent via email to all members who will be given an agreed amount of time to respond to the Managing Director with additional feedback and comments;

5. The Managing Director will collate member feedback and provide a copy to the sponsors who may update and expand their proposal materials to address any questions, issues or opportunities raised. The Managing Director will then forward the member feedback, together with the updated proposal, to the Board before the next scheduled teleconference.

6. At the Board meeting, the Board will discuss and vote on the creation of an Exploratory Group with the appropriate operational framework agreed with the sponsors. If approved, a mailing list and other online resources will be created, and a call for participation will be circulated to all members, and externally if appropriate.

7. The Exploratory Group gathers and documents requirements, use cases and high-level solution proposals in order to attempt to build consensus and create a proposed Statement of Work (SOW) following normal Working Group participation and voting rules. An Exploratory Group is IP-free and must NOT undertake detailed design work, enabling members to participate to determine if they wish to participate or exclude themselves before they have any IP licensing commitments. If the Exploratory votes to approve a proposed SOW it is passed to the Board for consideration. The SOW should propose how the SOW should be executed – with a Working Group, TSG, Advisory Panel or Forum, with clarity on its relationship to other working groups and IP Zones.

8. If the Board approves the SOW, the Exploratory Group will be disbanded, and the proposed organizational changes made to execute the SOW using Khronos standard collaborative processes and accompanied by a public call for participation if appropriate. Participation is limited to Khronos members, with all members being notified so they may attend or exclude themselves as they wish.

A PowerPoint illustration of this process is here: [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1cCUofkoJm1hvLy6fC9tihSKELKop_3ynzHClLEa0Xo/edit#slide=id.p](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1cCUofkoJm1hvLy6fC9tihSKELKop_3ynzHClLEa0Xo/edit#slide=id.p)

If you have questions, please contact:

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1. Initiative Name
   <...>

2. Change History
   <9Apr19 – First Draft>

3. Primary Contact(s)
   <Name, Company, Email>
   <Name, Company, Email>

4. Companies sponsoring this proposal
   <...>

5. Overview of industry need and market opportunity
   <...>

6. Why is Khronos a suitable organization for this initiative?
   <...>

7. How would this complement, or expand, Khronos’ existing work?
   <...>

8. Are there competing or complementary standards or initiatives?
   <...>

9. Who would be the target implementers and users of this new standard?
   <...>

10. Exploratory Group operational preferences
    a) Exploratory Group Chair
        <Name, Company, Email>
    
    b) Should it be open to non-members (under NDA)? If so, who should be invited?
        <...>
    
    c) Should the Exploratory Group issue a public call for (under NDA) participation?
        <...>
    
    d) Should public (non-NDA) feedback be solicited?
        <...>
    
    e) Is a grant of fee-waived temporary membership for any key proposers requested?
        <...>

11. Any other details, supporting materials or resources to consider?
    <E.g. a short PowerPoint summary of this proposal>