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Kathy Land, IEEE CS VP for Standards Activities
Standards Activity Board
IEEE Computer Society

Dear Kathy,

FIPA, the Foundation for Intelligent Physical Agents, welcomes IEEE's interest in agent technology. FIPA has been working to develop and promote standardization in the area of agent interoperability since 1996. FIPA has had an on-going work program, meeting around the globe on several times a year, with 40 member organizations. With 8 years of existence, and the production of extensive specifications (see http://www.fipa.org/), we believe FIPA is the reference organization for multi-agent agent systems.

In conclusion, FIPA would like to indicate its intention to accept the IEEE Standards Activity Board’ invitation to become a standards committee. We understand that FIPA would become the “FIPA Standards Committee” within the IEEE Computer Society SAB.

Sincerely,

James J Odell,
board member representing the
FIPA Board of Directors