

THE ESIF-NENA RELATIONSHIP

The relationship between ESIF and NENA shall be:

- Harmonious and complementary
- Maintained through frequent dialogue, as well as formal correspondence and liaison reporting during ESIF and NENA committee plenary sessions
- Proactive in preventing duplication of work efforts

Interconnection Issue Management

ESIF will deal primarily with interconnection issues, or discrepancies in emergency service network functions, considering the future direction for emergency service evolution where possible. NENA will deal with new development for future service needs, and the definition and coordination of future 9-1-1 systems. Exceptions to the above may be identified based on NENA and ESIF Leadership and Advisory Group evaluation(s) and recommendations.

Standards Management

For needs associated with the future design and development of E9-1-1, NENA is the preferred organization for the requirements and basic design definition. For new in-process NENA Standards, where NENA determines from internal and solicited public input, including ESIF's membership, that formal standards work is needed, the ESIF channel to ATIS American National Standard (ANS) processing for remaining Stage 2 and 3 actions is the preferred choice in accomplishing SDO-certified formal standards. In many cases, the timely delivery of standards will require tight coordination and some parallel effort regarding staged standards development.

If ESIF elects to perform standards development work (e.g., ANS work on already published NENA standards), NENA would expect that any requirements and basic design definition or related expansion work be liaisoned into NENA. The results would be returned to ESIF to coordinate remaining Stage 2 and Stage 3 standards work. In unusual circumstances, exceptions to these roles may occur and are allowed, but are discouraged, and NENA-ESIF agreement on the exception is encouraged.

Refer to <http://www.atis.org/esif/index.asp> for background information on ESIF, its mission, scope and membership.

Refer to www.NENA.org for similar information about NENA.