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### **Invitation to join the TETRA Applications Working Group Kick-Off meeting: 17 Feb 2009**

Data applications are an important benefit of TETRA providing added value on top of voice communications. As a PMR technology, TETRA is exceptional in having multiple vendors provide many options to users and network operators alike.

The TETRA Association Technical Forum has decided to set up an Applications Working Group. The goal of the applications working group is to exchange information regarding TETRA data applications and to develop the necessary framework to make applications interoperable across different suppliers and platforms.

The Applications Working Group plans to bring together end-users, network operators, equipment & network manufacturers and application developers. Together we can advance the state of the art of secure professional data communications as well as provide practical information within the TETRA community.

The Applications Working Group is non-commercial group which facilitates the growth of the applications market i.e. by supporting application deployments which will benefit the users and industry interests alike.

#### **Who should join the Applications working group?**

- TETRA users using or planning data applications
  - Learn from production and pilot application experiences from other users
  - Share best practises from your own experiences
- Organisations using TETRA
  - Effective use of data applications and ROI
- TETRA network operators
  - Value-added applications
  - Network impact of data application use
- TETRA terminal manufacturers
  - Learn what terminal features are important for application users
  - Provide information on your device features to users and developers
- TETRA network equipment manufacturers
  - Learn about data applications working on TETRA networks
  - Help users and developers access your network features
- TETRA application developers
  - Discuss network APIs and terminal features from different vendors
  - Learn from successful application deployments

#### **Work Method & Participation:**

Most of the communications of the Applications working group will happen online allowing easy and low-cost participation to everyone, using an e-mail list as the main tool to start with. Application-specific sessions and get-togethers at TETRA and PMR-related events are also planned as well as web/phone conference sessions.

To join the TETRA Applications Working Group please subscribe to the APPS mailing list via the following webpage: <http://mail.tetra-association.com/mailman/listinfo/apps>

Participation in the Applications Working Group is open to all TETRA Association members who are actively using or working with TETRA data applications. Non-members who are planning to join the TETRA Association may participate as well.

**Kick-Off meeting:**

The kick-off meeting for the Applications Working Group will be held **on 17 Feb 2009** in Zaragoza, Spain<sup>1</sup>. Participants are requested to register with the attached registration form until 6 Feb 2009. Meeting details are given on the registration form and in the associated documents. There is no participation fee for the kick-off meeting; participants have to cover their own travel and accommodation costs.

At the kick-off we will decide the focus areas and working methods of the Applications working group. A remote conference participation option is available.

The agenda for the meeting will be discussed and distributed via the above mentioned APPS mailing list.

If you have any questions please contact Hannu Aronsson (e-mail: [haa@portalify.com](mailto:haa@portalify.com)).

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<sup>1</sup> The Technical Forum meeting #50 will be held the following days at the same venue. The Technical Forum meeting is for TETRA Association members only.