

As you should already be aware the LXI Consortium is making a considerable investment in a Reference Design on behalf of its members. The Reference Design has advanced to a position where the design is complete and an implementation phase is being entered.

At the Washington meeting October 13th to October 16th we are conducting a review of the design spread over 4 meeting days. A review is also underway in Germany.

The review needs to be as inclusive of as many members as possible and we want to encourage members to attend this review. A reference design offers the prospect of significant reduction in the investment required to make an Ethernet controlled product LXI compliant once the work is completed next year, investing effort at this stage to make sure we have it right is important. We need to make sure we have a broad representation of members using different hardware platforms.

The cost of attending this event is insignificant compared to the potential gains offered by a successful Reference Design, it should lower vendor investment cost (time people, skill sets), improve test pass rates and allow vendors to concentrate more on the features and performance of the device than worrying about basic LXI compliance issues.

I hope we will see as many vendors as possible at the event, review processes can seem tedious but I think all of use on the technical side of these products understand the long term benefits of these processes when we are aiming at a diverse group of implementers.

The agenda is attached to this posting, the review process starts first thing on the Monday morning and requires travel on Sunday, the process completes on Thursday evening and as the hotel is next to the domestic airport travel that evening is simple.

You can also find event information here

<http://www.lxistandard.org/Events/UpcomingEvents.aspx> This provides instructions for room reservations at the event hotel, please remember to register your intent to attend with the LXI Consortium so we can set the catering requirements.

It is also not too late to join the Reference Design Working Group, to do so contact Bob Helsel at [execdir@lxistandard.org](mailto:execdir@lxistandard.org)

If you are a consortium member, you can also find information on the past meetings on the reference design here

<http://lxistandard.org/members/Default.aspx?Folder=%2fTechnical+Committee%2fActive+Working+Groups%2fReference+Design> using the LXI member login and password on the LXI site.

Hope to see some of you in Washington

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