



Administrative Council for Terminal Attachments

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**Administrative Council for Terminal Attachments Holds First Meeting,
Elects Council Chair**

May 10, 2001, Washington, D.C. -- The inaugural meeting of the Administrative Council for Terminal Attachments (ACTA) took place May 2 in Bethesda, Maryland. Dr. James Salinas of SBC Communications was elected by the council to fill a two-year term as ACTA chair.

ACTA is the newly-formed industry council for Part 68 certification requirements and administration following the FCC's decision to privatize its Part 68 responsibilities in December 2000 and selection of the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) and the Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA) to serve as joint sponsors of the council. The ACTA is responsible for adopting and publishing technical criteria for terminal equipment, and operating and maintaining a database of approved terminal equipment, among other duties.

During its meeting the council adopted and took receivership of a database, previously maintained by the FCC, containing over 32,000 registrations of Part 68 approved terminal equipment. The council approved plans that will soon make the database accessible publicly through the ACTA Web site, found at www.part68.org. A draft "Operating Principles and Procedures," outlining the mission, scope and responsibilities of the council, was also reviewed.

ACTA consists of 17 representatives from six distinct interest segments, with each interest segment electing two primary voting members --, and one alternate non-voting member. For more information visit the ACTA Web site found at www.part68.org or contact Megan Hayes of ATIS at 202/434-8653 or acta@atis.org.

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The Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) is a member company organization that defines standards and operating procedures for the telecommunications industry. Nearly 3,000 experts from 500 telecommunications companies participate in ATIS committees, whose work focus includes network interconnection standards, number portability, improved data transmission, wireless communications, Internet telephony, toll-free access, and order and billing issues. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) frequently refers operations issues to ATIS committees for recommended solutions. Members of ATIS and committee participants include, but are not limited to, telecommunications service providers, manufacturers, software developers, resellers, enhanced service providers, and providers of operations support.

Information on ATIS is available on the World Wide Web at www.atis.org, or by contacting the ATIS headquarters at 202/628-6380, or by writing to: ATIS, 1200 G Street, NW, Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20005.

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