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The Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions Announces Timothy Jeffries as Director of ACTA/Part 68 and Technology Development

June 4, 2001, Washington, D.C. - The Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) announced today that Timothy Jeffries will serve as director of the Administrative Council for Terminal Attachments (ACTA)/Part 68 and Technology Development.

In a Report and Order in December 2000, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) directed that ACTA be formed, assigning ATIS and the Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA), the role of ACTA co-sponsors. ACTA is an open organization responsible for adopting technical criteria for terminal equipment and maintaining a database of equipment that meets the criteria.

"Tim Jeffries will bring critical support and expertise to ACTA as it gets underway," said Ed Hall, ATIS' vice president for Technology Development. "His background in engineering along with his experience in program management and standards development are enormous assets that will significantly support the council's work."

Jeffries joins the ATIS management staff after serving the Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association (CTIA) as its director of certification programs. While at CTIA, Jeffries was responsible for redesigning the current wireless terminal certification program for the wireless industry, and managing the wireless industry's product certification program, as well as product certification programs for Advanced Mobile Phone Service (AMPS), ANSI-136, cdmaOne, and GSM-1900 terminal units.

Prior to his work at CTIA, Jeffries managed and conducted product evaluations and reported compliance to federal and independent standardization agencies and bodies. His telecommunications expertise includes: FCC Rules and

Regulations 47 CFR, Part 15, 22, 24, and 68; FCC Telecommunications Certifying Bodies (TCB), FCC Certification procedures, and the international Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA); Second generation wireless technologies, EDGE, GAIT, cdma2000, GSM-1900, GPRS. ; and third generation wireless development.

ACTA held its inaugural meeting on May 2 in Washington, D.C., where Jim Salinas (SBC Communications) was elected chair. For more information on the ACTA members or Part 68, visit www.atis.org or www.part68.org; or contact Megan Hayes at acta@atis.org or 202-663-4653.

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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.

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