Standards Announcement

Nomination Period Opens for Standard Authorization Request (SAR) Drafting Team
June 9–25, 2009

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Nominations for SAR Drafting Team (Project 2009-02 — Real-time Tools)

The Standards Committee is seeking industry experts to serve on the Real-time Tools SAR Drafting Team (see project background below). The SAR drafting team will assist the requester in further developing the SAR and considering stakeholder comments.

If you are interested in serving on this SAR drafting team, please complete the following electronic nomination form **by June 25, 2009**:
https://www.nerc.net/nercsurvey/Survey.aspx?s=3d8635074fd24fcd92689c04919d9e97

Please contact Dave Taylor at david.taylor@nerc.net with any questions about the team.

Project Background:

According to the *Final Report on the August 14, 2003 Blackout in the United States and Canada: Causes and Recommendations,* dated April 2004, a principal cause of the August 14 blackout was a lack of situational awareness, due in part to inadequate reliability tools. Recommendation 22 of the report states, "Evaluate and adopt better real-time tools for operators and reliability coordinators." NERC's Operating Committee formed the Real-time Tools Best Practices Task Force (RTBPTF) to evaluate real-time tools and their usage within the industry. The Task Force produced a report, *Real-Time Tools Survey Analysis and Recommendations,* in March 2008 that included recommendations for the functionality, performance, and management of real-time tools.

The SAR addresses selected recommendations in the RTBPTF Report as determined by the Real-time Best Practices Standards Study Group: Project 2009-02. The intent is to describe "what" needs to be done but not "how" to do it.

More information about the project is available on the following page:
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Standards Development Process

The Reliability Standards Development Procedure contains all the procedures governing the standards development process. The success of the NERC standards development process depends on stakeholder participation. We extend our thanks to all those who participate.

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