

IEEE Standards Association
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Dear Ms. Steenweg,

I am writing this letter to support Carl Stevenson for the IEEE International Award. At the recent International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Radiocommunication assembly and World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC), Mr. Stevenson was invaluable to the U.S. government in successfully resolving one of the highest priority issues we faced.

As the U.S. spokesman and government lead on WRC Agenda Item 1.5, dealing with allocation issues at 5 GHz including 455 MHz of spectrum for mobile Wireless Access Systems, Mr. Stevenson provided valuable industry insight, translations, and negotiations with foreign diplomats. His superb technical understanding and negotiation knowledge played a significant part in the U.S. successfully resolving the international allocation to the mobile service for Wireless Access Systems, including RLANs, while fully protecting vital government radars.

Mr. Stevenson showed superior initiative in dealing with foreign diplomats and through his bi-lingual ability was able to lead the U.S. to successfully lobby many Spanish speaking administrations for support. This effort was the defining case for the U.S. achieving all its goals with respect to this most difficult agenda item. In fact, at the Radiocommunication Assembly held just prior to the WRC, Mr. Stevenson was the only 5 GHz mobile industry representative on the U.S. delegation and without his help recommendations would have been passed with language that would have hamstrung the U.S. position going into the WRC. Because of his dedication and hard work the U.S. was able to modify these recommendations to support the U.S. position and ultimately led to our great success.

Therefore, NTIA would like to fully support Mr. Stevenson for the IEEE international award and we look forward to working with him in the future.

Sincerely,

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