

## Preface

This document is being published in this month's journal as a report from the Advanced System Control Architecture Working Group to solicit your comments as SMPTE continues the work that resulted from the EBU/SMPTE Task Force. During the Task Force meetings it became clear that standards needed to be developed to support the advanced systems that are needed at this time in our industry. This report establishes an overall framework within which these standards will be developed.

You are invited to participate in these activities in several ways. First, you are invited to send your comments on this report to Mark Hyman at SMPTE Headquarters. You can also send your comments by email to [mhyman@smpte.org](mailto:mhyman@smpte.org). Second, you are strongly encouraged to participate in the next round of SMPTE Engineering Committee meetings in Toronto on May 1-5, 2000. This report, any comments received, and initial standards activity in this area will be discussed in the Systems Technology Committee and its sub-groups. A schedule of meeting times and locations are available at [www.smpte.org](http://www.smpte.org) under Engineering Committees. Third, you are invited to participate in specific standards-setting activities resulting from this report. Many areas for potential standards activity are listed in the report. Specific areas of immediate interest are in developing standardized device objects, base-level playlist translations, and standardized SNMP MIB extensions.

Areas where SMPTE would particularly appreciate input are from automation vendors, system integrators, and as always, users. If you are in one of these categories, please seriously consider participating in these activities. You will be making a significant impact on how your businesses will run in the future.

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This report is one of over 100 engineering documents generated by SMPTE Engineering activities over the past 14 months. This reflects the times of our industry, and this organization's enthusiastic response to the bellwether changes that were addressed in the EBU/SMPTE Task Force documents.

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