



AMI-ABLE COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

To advance the collective desire on the part of water utilities to advance AMR and AMI meter reading processes through the creation and dissemination of standards for AMI and AMR and to push for interoperability between systems. This is an effort to continue the work initiated through a Water Research Foundation initiative through their research program.

ALLIANCE FOR WATER EFFICIENCY

The Alliance has identified seven key tasks to support and enhance water conservation efforts, providing benefit to water utilities, water conservation professionals, planners, regulators, and consumers:

- Stand as a clear and authoritative national voice for water efficiency.
- Provide comprehensive information about water-efficient products, practices, and programs--what works and what doesn't.
- Represent the interest of water efficiency in the development of codes and standards.
- Transform the market for fixtures and appliances.
- Coordinate with green building initiatives to institutionalize water efficiency.
- Train water conservation professionals.
- Educate water users

It is believed that the mission of the AMIABLE group is highly compatible with the work of A4WE.

AMI-ABLE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES AND ACTIONS

Objective 1

Standardize elements of AMI and AMR products for the benefit of utilities and the water industry in general.

Actions

Encourage utilities and the industry in general to create language that will serve to maximize the confidence in and understanding of systems and components of these technologies.

Through the collective action of utilities disseminate the language created for the use of all water utilities to promote the language as a de facto standard until such time it is formerly adopted

Review, update new language and other aids. Assist utilities with the introduction of AMI and AMR through education and training.



Objective 2

Improve the industry by pressing for interoperability between AMI/AMR functionality and data handling

Actions

Identify which vendors actually support open architecture and full disclosure to enable interoperability and well as vendors who provide more interoperable equipment and connections

Promote interoperability through RFP documents that favor definitive interoperability either through prequalification, bid rating criteria and subsequent contract language

Contribute to the development of interoperability through identification of technology that promotes it

Objective 3

Increase the coordination of external organizations and programs that encourage spreading AMI/AMR standardization knowledge and general knowledge of AMI/AMR equipment

Actions

Seek out other organizations that foster standardization and interoperability through things such as customer contact, conservation programs and associated activities

Support organizations who share common goals such as preparation of AMI or AMR manuals, centers of information, etc.

Support other activities of Alliance for water Efficiency that further cooperation within and without A4WE.

Objective 4

Increase and improve the variety of information resources through which full and associate members can access information

Actions

Create and maintain a one page outline of the committee and explanation of its goals and benefits of its agenda

Work with the media on communicating committee activities

Coordinate with vendors, suppliers, consultants, data management firms and other related companies to identify proper standards with an eye towards improvement

Objective 5

Increase the membership of the organization and foster special membership for non-utility enterprises

Actions

Activity speak and present at meetings and conferences about the committee

Publicize both actions and output (codes) on the A4WE website

Recruit through consultants and other third parties to identify utilities with upcoming Amr/AMI projects



AMI-ABLE COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Full utility members – The core of the committee (voting rights) will consist of a representative from a utility that has membership with A4WE.

Associated utility members – Other utilities are welcomed to be involved with the committee and participate except for voting if they choose. This will pertain to utilities not official members of A4WE – membership in A4WE is strongly recommended.

Affiliated members – Non utility companies are welcomed to be part of the process and make important contributions to the development of standards.

Structure – The committee will have a traditional leadership format with a chairman, vice chairman and secretary. Election of leaders will be formalized at a later date but an interim leadership team has been formed: Chairman Tommy McClung, City of Houston, Vice Chairman Ed Hackney, United Water and Secretary Dave Hughes, American Water.

Membership fees – No fees are proposed for committee membership at this time.