## Wireless Innovation Forum Announces New Task Group Devoted to Investigating SCAv4 Backwards Compatibility with SCAv2.2.2



## For Immediate Release

Washington, DC – 11 December 2013 – The Wireless Innovation Forum (www.WirelessInnovation.org), a non-profit international industry association dedicated to driving the future of radio communications and systems worldwide, today announced the creation of a task group devoted to investigating how SCAv4 breaks backwards compatibility with SCA 2.2.2, defining potential solutions to address the specific issues, and gathering consensus and making official change proposals to the JTNC. The project, Making SCAv4 Backwards Compatible with SCAv2.2.2, is led by Steve Bernier of *Nordiasoft*.

"I'm looking forward to lead the new technical task group. We cannot understate the importance of backwards compatibility. Radio manufacturers from all over the world have been building on the SCA for over a decade now," said Bernier.

The task group will identify and make a list of every change in SCAv4 that breaks backwards compatibility with SCAv2.2.2. The group will then identify the original requirements for each problematic feature and work on an alternative solution that meets the same requirements without breaking backward compatibility. The group will also determine which players of the ecosystem are affected by the issues and the relative level of disruptiveness for each issue and prepare a document, or several documents, that will be submitted to the Joint Tactical Networking Center from the Wireless Innovation Forum as a recommendation. Adoption of the recommendations, which are estimated to be completed in spring 2014, could result in multiple emerging opportunities for SDA 4.1 based systems.

The Forum encourages participation from organizations wanting to be involved in this important project. Please contact Forum CEO Lee Pucker at <a href="Lee.Pucker@WirelessInnovation.org">Lee.Pucker@WirelessInnovation.org</a> if you are interested.

Wireless Innovation Forum member representatives have initiated and led multiple work efforts that promote their organization's specific objectives through the creation of reports, recommendations and specifications that are widely used by the advanced wireless community. The importance of these "work products" is reflected in the fact that over 12,000 individual documents were downloaded from the <u>document library</u> in 2012 alone.

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## **About the Wireless Innovation Forum**

Established in 1996, The Wireless Innovation Forum (SDR Forum Version 2.0) is a non-profit mutual benefit corporation dedicated to driving technology innovation in commercial, civil, and defense communications worldwide. Members bring a broad base of experience in Software Defined Radio (SDR), Cognitive Radio(CR) and Dynamic Spectrum Access (DSA) technologies in diverse markets and at all levels of the <u>wireless value chain</u> to address emerging wireless communications requirements. To learn more about The Wireless Innovation Forum, its meetings and <u>membership benefits</u>, visit <u>www.WirelessInnovation.org</u>.

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