

Dear colleague,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Board of Directors and membership of the Broadband Forum to inform you of a recent and exciting development for our organization. The IP/MPLS Forum and the Broadband Forum have now united under the name of – **The Broadband Forum**.

In 2008, the IP/MPLS Forum Board decided that to best serve the industry they should look to follow technology convergence and to unite with another organization that had a similar vision of the future and the activities required to continue to drive the global success of MPLS. With the Broadband Forum's focus spanning from network access to digital home management, the work clearly complemented the work of the IP/MPLS Forum.

The majority of Broadband Forum and IP/MPLS Forum service provider members have MPLS based core networks deployed and there is a keen interest in this MPLS work continuing and developing. Combining the next phase of core work of the IP/MPLS Forum with the Broadband Forum's scope ensures seamless broadband network optimization and convergence.

Though MPLS is clearly of critical importance to the industry, the combined Forum will explore other technologies in addition to MPLS as the industry continues to evolve. The strength of the new Broadband Forum continues to be our focus on solutions that use technologies that best serve the carriers and their customers.

Through liaison with organizations such as yourselves, we commit to continuing our work to help align the industry and to respond with technical specifications that work seamlessly with your valuable work.

Consequently, from May 18 2009 the IP/MPLS Forum is a part of the new **Broadband Forum**, and all correspondence from us will carry the Broadband Forum name. Our web address is: <http://www.broadband-forum.org>. All materials previously owned and published by the IP/MPLS Forum are now owned by the Broadband Forum and will be available at this web address.

We look forward to continuing our successful collaboration.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robin Mersh'.

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