



## QuEST Forum Member Affiliate

QuEST Forum membership encompasses supplier and service provider organizations from the worldwide telecom community. Many of its members have multiple manufacturing, service and operations entities, both in-country and internationally. Until recently, these subsidiary organizations could only enjoy the benefits of QuEST Forum membership on the basis of the parent relationship.

In an effort to promote greater involvement in member activities and give prominence to these subsidiary companies, QuEST Forum has devised a new option. This option is called the Member Affiliate and it allows the subsidiaries to participate under their own name in the QuEST Forum.

### Who can become a QuEST Forum Member Affiliate?

Individual and unique business entities of QuEST Forum full member companies are eligible to be Member Affiliates, including:

- Subsidiaries – domestic or international; wholly or partly owned
- Distinct provincial, regional or geographic subordinate organizations
- Holding companies
- Parent company

### Benefits to a Member Affiliate

- Increased and independent visibility
- Unrestricted use of the QuEST Forum affiliation and logos
- Individual branding opportunities, separate from parent organization
- Sponsorship of events such as the QuEST Forum regional conferences, Best Practices conferences, and work group meetings under the Affiliate brand name
- Separate listing in QuEST Forum collateral and on the Web site

### Voting Rights

The voting rights of the Member Affiliate are limited and controlled by the full member. Member Affiliates may represent and be delegated voting rights by their full member company.

In work groups, Member Affiliate representatives have full voting rights provided the full member is not a member of the same work group. If the full member and Member Affiliate serve in the same work group, only one vote is allowed and the full member determines who votes.

## Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is the fee for the Member Affiliate option?**

An Affiliate member pays US\$5,000 to join the QuEST Forum. This is separate and apart from the full member fee of US\$10,000.

- **Our company has several subsidiaries. Can all of them become Member Affiliates?**

Any or all of your subsidiaries can become QuEST Forum Member Affiliates. Full member companies that have subsidiaries are not required to pay the Member Affiliate fee until the subsidiary wishes to become an Affiliate.

- **My company is a subsidiary of a parent company that is not a member of the QuEST Forum. Can we apply to become a Member Affiliate?**

The Member Affiliate option is only available to those organizations whose parent company is an existing full member of the QuEST Forum. If the parent company is not a QuEST Forum full member, the subsidiary organization is deemed to be a full member until the parent company applies for membership. At such time, full membership may pass to the parent company. If full membership passes to the parent company, the subsidiary organization becomes a Member Affiliate. Membership fees will be adjusted accordingly.

- **Another subsidiary of our parent organization is a full member of the QuEST Forum. Can we still apply to become a Member Affiliate?**

Yes. The first organization to apply for QuEST Forum membership, whether parent or subsidiary, is deemed to be the full member. Subsequent applications by subsidiaries will be considered Member Affiliates. The voting rights will be controlled by the full member. If the parent organization joins QuEST Forum, full membership may pass to the parent company. If full membership passes to the parent company, the originating subsidiary organization becomes a Member Affiliate member. Membership fees will be adjusted accordingly.

- **Can representatives from the full member and Member Affiliate(s) participate in the same work group?**

Yes, full member and Member Affiliates can be part of the same work group. However, only one vote is allowed and the full member decides who can cast that vote.

## Our Vision

To be the key global force in the telecommunications industry to improve quality of products and services to customers.

## Our Mission

To create an industry-leading telecommunications quality system with standardized performance measurements, and share best practices through industry collaboration.