

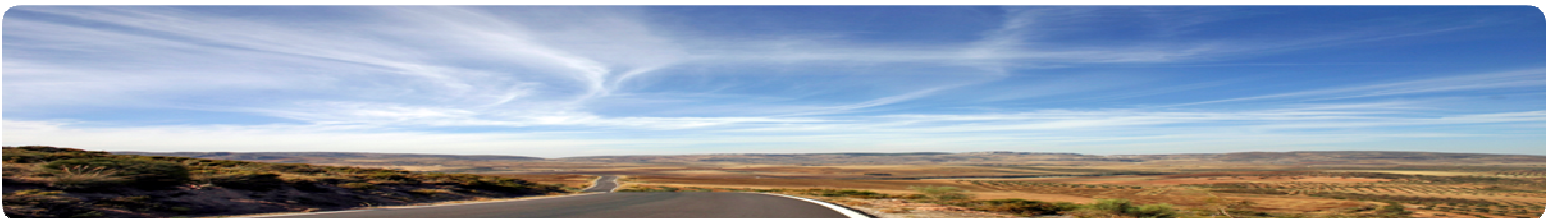
The Open Computing Alliance

Removing barriers to tomorrows' ICT



Membership

October 2009



The Open Computing Alliance (OCA)



The OCA was founded in June 2009 by Tim Cowen, former General Counsel and Commercial Director at BT Global Services, to pursue issues of common concern across the ICT sector, with particular reference to the shift to Cloud Computing. The Goals have been agreed and are provided below. OCA has swiftly developed positions on issues arising on EU Public Sector Purchasing, Anti-trust and Regulation and Interoperability, and representations have been made on these subjects.

Active participation from a cross section of ICT companies is the hallmark of the Alliance. The organisation is developing and expanding its membership base in accordance with its agreed goals. Current participants include Airwave Solutions, BT, Cap Gemini, Cisco, Colt CSC, Fujitsu Hitachi Data Systems, INTUG, Logica and Microsoft.

The Goals of the Open Computing Alliance (OCA)

The OCA seeks to encourage productivity, growth and employment through the greater use of information, communications and technology (ICT). Recognising the development of new technological opportunities arising from distributed and networked computing it seeks to foster openness and to promote (i) the freedom of critical corporate and government data from dependence on any particular technology platform, (ii) the accessibility in all circumstances of such data by means of recognized common standards,(iii) the security and protection of such data from all threats, while respecting the rule of law and relevant intellectual property rights.

The following have been identified as the objectives of the OCA:

- To contribute to the further development of policies and government objectives that seek to increase productivity, growth and employment through the greater use of information, communications and technology (ICT).
- To build a forward-looking organisation comprising those with key stakes in the end-to-end information, communications and technology supply chains.
- To work with, and as appropriate brief, policymakers, governments, regulatory or enforcement agencies in the EU, the USA and elsewhere on the industry, the dynamic nature of competition in the industry and the economic forces shaping the industry through developing scenarios of likely industrial structure, in particular in the light of the international shift to Cloud Computing.
- To promote open markets and consumer welfare and to encourage and promote the more efficient and effective regulation of markets and to seek ways to improve the methods, processes and practices adopted by policymakers, governments, regulatory or enforcement agencies.
- To improve the processes, procedures and practices of governments or public authorities in their purchasing of ICT products and services and seek to establish best practises in public procurement of ICT products and services.
- To scan the horizon and identify, develop and communicate policy positions relating to potential public policy issues, regulatory and other issues that may arise.

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- To encourage research and scholarship that contributes to the goals of the OCA.

Activities (June – October 2009)

This is a brief outline of what the OCA has achieved in the few months of its existence:

- Conference Calls held on the following topics:
 - Cloud Computing
 - Key Contract Issues for the OGC
 - Public Procurement
 - Interoperability and data transfers
 - Digital Europe
- Response submitted to the OGC Consultation on the Remedies Directive.
- Comments submitted to the EC on its White Paper on Modernising ICT Standardisation.
- Submissions made in response to the EC's i2010 Consultation.
- A list of key issues with Procurement Contracts has been agreed and will be discussed with the OGC.



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To date we have commitments of membership from Colt, Fujitsu, Logica and Microsoft.

Annual membership of the OCA is £10 000 a year, payable at a rate of £833.33 monthly.

Those interested in becoming members are kindly requested to contact:

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