E-Business standardization - Standards Australia's roles and responsibilities

General
Standards Australia is recognized by the Government as the peak, non-government standards body in Australia. Standards Australia is dedicated to setting benchmarks to meet the growing expectations of the Australian community, industry and government. It remains committed to enhancing the social, environmental and economic well-being of all Australians. Standards Australia ensures the effective development of standards and recognition of other standardization bodies by providing an active forum for discussion, debate and consensus.

Standards Australia is Australia’s representative on the International Organization for Standardization [ISO], the International Electrotechnical Commission [IEC], and the Pacific Area Standards Congress [PASC], under a Memorandum of Understanding that has existed between Standards Australia and the Commonwealth Government since 1988 and recognizes Standards Australia as the peak non-government standards body in Australia.

In the field of e-business and e-commerce, Standards Australia has a number of roles and responsibilities.

IT-033 eBusiness Architecture and Data Exchange
Standards Australia's committee IT-033 eBusiness Architecture and Data Exchange provides a focal point for Australian standardization in e-commerce and e-business. It focuses on standardization of information exchanges between organisations that support interoperability and supply chain management. The committee participates in standardization the work of international technical committees, subcommittees and working groups, including: ISO TC 154, ISO/IEC JTC1/SC32, W3C, OASIS, UN/CEFACT, ITU, AFACT, and ebXML Asia. It also provides Standards Australia's coordination groups in the BizDdex project.

UN/CEFACT
Standards Australia provides administrative support and manages the funding for Australia's participation in UN/CEFACT under a funding deed with the Department of Communications, IT and the Arts. This is done by:

Liaising with advisory committees comprising of sector experts, community representatives and other industry bodies, so as to generate necessary work-plans, meeting reports and other relevant documentation;

Developing and maintaining web pages on Australia’s participation in the international eBusiness standards setting process. This includes publishing meeting reports, and other applicable information;
Fielding queries from the general public about the program, its activities and channels for input and outputs;

Contributing to the development of Australian strategy and marketing and promotion of the work undertaken by UN/CEFACT;

Management of funding provided by the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts for Australia’s participation in eBusiness standards setting process.

BizDex
Standards Australia has been involved in a series of projects under the BizDex banner for a number of years. It provided the project management lead for a consortium which successfully developed the e-Business Toolkit and Registry, under grant from the National Office of the Information Economy. It also successfully project managed a consortium which developed a pilot implementation of the BizDex framework in conjunction with the Australian wheat industry.

Standards Australia has managed the BizDex working groups in collaboration with the Department of Communications, IT and the Arts. It is also the holder of the BizDex intellectual property and manages the www.bizdex.com.au website.

NeCAB
While Standards Australia has no formal connection with the NeCAB consortium, project managed by AEC, it is supportive of the efforts of the industry group in progressing the BizDex vision fostered by Standards Australia and NOIE/DCITA over the last four years.

We commit to supporting the activities of the consortium by:

• providing access to previous BizDex intellectual property;

• utilising the Standards Australia committee process as appropriate to develop Australian Standards from the work of the consortium;

• managing, under contract, the coordination of the Australian UN/CEFACT program and delegation;

• coordinating International Standards development through ISO and IEC as appropriate.