

Request to add *Government* to
Associate membership class

Membership Agreement

“1.5 **Associate Members.** Associate members shall be entities such as standards organizations, research institutions, academic institutions, open source organizations, publishing organizations *and other organization types as established from time to time by the Eclipse Foundation Board* of Directors that agree to abide by the obligations set forth in this Agreement.”

Bylaws

“Section 6.2 Membership Qualifications. In general, members are expected to adhere to the following criteria: ... (ii) except for Associate Members and Committer Members, **make available a commercial Eclipse-based offering** within twelve (12) months of joining the Eclipse Foundation or use the Eclipse Platform in the development of a commercial offering within twelve (12) months of joining the Eclipse Foundation;”

Proposal:

RESOLVED that, *Governments and government/public departments, agencies and ministries* will be accepted as Associate Members

Reasoning

- Governments are large consumers of Software and can be influential to their suppliers
- Governments are not-for-profit
- Governments rarely create “commercial offerings” and ones which do may elect to join in a different class if they choose to do so