

RPR Alliance Information

The Resilient Packet Ring Alliance will have the following major goals:

- (1) Support the Resilient Packet Ring standards development within IEEE 802;
- (2) Provide a venue that brings users and developers together to guide the Resilient Packet Ring Standards development in a way that best meets user requirements
- (3) Contribute resources to facilitate convergence and consensus on technical specifications;
- (4) Promote industry awareness, acceptance, and advancement of the Resilient Packet Ring standard;
- (5) Accelerate the adoption and usage of Resilient Packet Ring products and services;
- (6) Provide resources to establish and demonstrate multi-vendor interoperability and generally encourage and promote interoperability and interoperability events
- (7) Foster communications between suppliers and users of Resilient Packet Ring technology and products; and
- (8) Educate users, the press and the public through web postings, presentations, trade press articles, technical publications and press releases.

The activities of the Corporation will include, but not be limited to:

- (1) The active promotion of Resilient Packet Ring in the marketplace;
- (2) Supporting tradeshows, industry conferences, market development, and interoperability activities;
- (3) Providing the public, press, and analysts with a single, comprehensive source of information regarding Resilient Packet Ring technology, infrastructure, and the Resilient Packet Ring market in general.

Because the Resilient Packet Ring Alliance will have a large user membership, we expect many of the positions and policies of the RPR Alliance to be driven by user requirements. Because there is a close tie between the RPR Alliance membership and the IEEE 802 RPR activity, we expect the user requirements to be incorporated in the emerging standard.

This close union of the RPR Alliance to both the IEEE 802 Standards developing body, and to the end users sets the RPR Alliance apart from other vendor driven alliances within the industry.