NENA IPR POLICY CHANGE NOTICE

BACKGROUND
The NENA Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Policy was adopted in 2011 and revised in 2014 to provide clear guidelines for the disclosure and use of intellectual property to individuals and companies participating in development work with NENA, and to provide appropriate assurances to those who implement NENA standards in products or services. NENA Committees have operated under the Policy since its adoption, and have provided feedback to Headquarters about the practical impact of the policy.

WHY YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS NOTICE
During a routine audit, ANSI provided NENA with feedback on its IPR Policy. This feedback includes a recommendation that NENA address patents necessary for compliance with NENA Standards, should those patents be transferred from the original owner to a new successor-in-interest.
Because acceptance of the Policy is a condition of your membership in NENA and of your participation in the work of NENA Committees, we are providing this Notice to identify the changes we made and how they affect your rights and obligations under the Policy. Pursuant to section 3.2.2 of the existing policy, Members or Participating Entities may elect to opt-out of these changes and terminate their membership and participation in NENA Committees. Opt-out notices should be directed to crm@nena.org.

WHAT WE CHANGED
We added a “Patent Transfer Assurance” section to the Patent Information Form (Annex A), which requires Submitters to confirm that the commitments under which their patent(s) has been licensed bind not only the initial Submitter, but also any transferees and successors-in-interest.

FOR MORE ABOUT THESE CHANGES
If you have questions about these changes or the Policy in general, contact Dan Henry at 202.618.6369, or via email at dhenry@nena.org. Please note that NENA cannot give legal advice with respect to the terms of this policy, their meaning, or their effect on you, your agency, or your company.