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NMEA PUTS OUT CALL FOR ONENET® BETA TESTERS

Ten test slots to be filled by October 31, 2016 to provide performance feedback on the OneNet® Ethernet standard

SEVERNA PARK, MD—The National Marine Electronics Association (NMEA) is looking for beta testers to put the draft version of the new OneNet® Standard through its paces. Applications will be accepted until October 31, 2016 from any marine electronic equipment manufacturer. There is a maximum of 10 beta test slots.

Beta testing is a critical and comprehensive validation of the OneNet Standard to ensure that products work properly in conjunction with the standard and meet its requirements. Feedback and input to the standard are the number one goal for the acceptance and successful launch of the OneNet Standard for all stakeholders.

The objectives of the beta test are to:

• verify that the standard meets its functional/feature requirements,
• assure that all functions work under the combinations within the standards,
• fix and/or change the requirements of the standard as discovered,
• fix and/or change the language for enhanced interpretation and clarity.

To qualify as a beta tester, a company must sign NMEA confidentiality and copyright assignment agreements, and agree to design and develop a product utilizing the OneNet® Standard.

The beta test period will run from December 1, 2016 through May 5, 2017. To participate. or for more information, contact Steve Spitzer, NMEA Director of Standards, at 425-417-8042 or sspitzer@nmea.org.

Founded in 1957, the NMEA has led the way in establishing technical standards for data exchange in marine electronics, with the widely accepted NMEA 0183 data protocol, NMEA 2000® and certification standards for marine electronics technicians. NMEA standards and programs focus on ensuring that the boating consumer is provided with reliable products and professional service. For more information, visit the NMEA website at www.NMEA.org or call (410) 975-9425.