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Extended Call for Tender for Improvement of OOXML Support in LibreOffice/OpenOffice

The call for tender by German and Swiss IT authorities regarding improvements of OOXML support in LibreOffice/OpenOffice has been prolonged until February 29, 2012. In addition to the German specification the coordinating Working Group "Office Interoperability" has published the English version of the specification.

Until today the response to the Call for Tender for the project "Precise reproduction of OOXML documents in open source office applications" didn't meet the expectations of the Open Source Business Alliance Working Group "Office Interoperability". Therefore the Working Group decided to extend the deadline for handing in proposals another month until **February 29, 2012**.

The specification of the project is available in English and German. Matthias Stürmer, the designated spokesperson of the "Office Interoperability" working group of the OSB Alliance, can be contacted to discuss the financing of the project and any other questions: matthias.stuermer@ch.ey.com, +41 58 289 61 97

English specification:

http://www.osb-alliance.com/images/stories/PDF_Files/specificationooxmlimprovements_en_v06.pdf

German specification:

http://www.osb-alliance.com/images/stories/PDF_Files/spezifikationlayoutgetreuedarstellungvonooxml-v06_neu.pdf

The project "Precise reproduction of OOXML documents in open source office applications"

The planned improvements primarily embrace corrections and extensions to the OOXML filter of the current version of LibreOffice and OpenOffice. These improvements to the OOXML filter shall be able to be implemented as open source software in all open source office products. Apache License v2.0 has been selected as the licence for this purpose. To provide improved OOXML support, the Working Group has defined the five following work packages: formatting of frames and images in .docx, formatting of tables in .docx, formatting of lists in .docx, formatting of comments in .docx and .xlsx, embedding of fonts in OOXML and ODF. Test documents are being used to check that the specifications are met.

Initial press release in English:

<http://www.osb-alliance.com/index.php/de/home/5-lisog/622-authorities-publish-specification-for-better-support-of-ooxml-in-libreofficeopenofficeorg-new-qoffice-interoperabilityq-working-group-within-osb-alliance-to-coordinate-implementation>

Initial press release in German:

<http://www.osb-alliance.com/index.php/de/home/5-lisog/619-behoerden-veroeffentlichen-spezifikation-fuer-bessere-unterstuetzung-von-ooxml-in-libreofficeopenofficeorg-neue-working-group-office-interoperability-der-osb-alliance-koordiniert-umsetzung>