

IEEE Next Generation 100 Gb/s Optical Ethernet Study Group
Informal Communication

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Dear Mr. Sadler,

The IEEE 802.3 Working Group approved the formation of the Next Generation 100 Gb/s Optical Ethernet Study Group in July 2011 to consider the next generation of 100 Gb/s Optical Ethernet. This effort is still in the early stages and is not an approved standards project at this time.

The Next Generation 100 Gb/s Optical Ethernet Study Group is focused on starting a standards development project, including defining project scope, and objectives. If authorized as a project, the group will become a Task Force. At that time, technology selections will be actively pursued.

The first meeting of the IEEE Next Generation 100 Gb/s Optical Ethernet Study Group took place on September 14 and 15 in Chicago, IL. Meeting details and presentations can be found at <http://www.ieee802.org/3/100GNGOPTX/public/index.html>.

Given prior communications between the OIF and IEEE 802.3 WG, the Study Group would like to request the latest documentation relevant to the OIF CEI-28G-VSR project. At the September meeting of the Study Group, there has been discussion of electrical interfaces supporting 100 Gigabit Ethernet across 4 lanes of ≈ 25 Gb/s. We will keep OIF updated with any decisions we make in this regard.

We appreciate your cooperation in our past work and look forward to continued dialogue with the OIF.

Sincerely,

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