



# Overview of OGC Document Types

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# Overview

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- The following set of slides documents the current set of key OGC documents, their key policy and procedure actions, and key document work flows. This document was originally developed from a Planning Committee action from the June 2005 Planning Committee meetings in St. Johns.
  - Any and all comments are welcome.

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# OGC Document Numbers



**OGC document numbers as shown in pending. These are assigned when a document is first uploaded to pending documents.**

**Section 8.7.1 in the TC P&P**

Doc Number	Document (click title to download)	Author	Group	Size	Format	Uploaded
Three Week Rule for 2010/06/17 TC/PC						
10-124	OGC Identifiers – the case for http URIs	Simon Cox		142 KB	doc	2010-05-20 16:05:07
10-123	Align with Catalogue/CSW 3.0	Leif Stainsby		100.99 KB	pdf	2010-05-20 15:49:26
10-122	Define Life-cycle Update transaction method	Leif Stainsby		106.69 KB	pdf	2010-05-20 15:47:39
10-121	Define Extensible Life-Cycle model	Leif Stainsby		103.8 KB	pdf	2010-05-20 15:46:42
10-120	Repository Item validation	Leif Stainsby		105.18 KB	pdf	2010-05-20 15:45:09
10-119	Revise definition of VersionInfo/@versionName property	Leif Stainsby		111.5 KB	pdf	2010-05-20 15:43:50
10-118	Define a Registry Extension Package model	Leif Stainsby		107.59 KB	pdf	2010-05-20 15:41:33
10-117	Define a packaging format for CSW-ebRIM Extension Packages	Leif Stainsby		105.39 KB	pdf	2010-05-20 15:33:17
10-116	Add support for multiple file input such as shp files	Bastian Schäffer		99.35 KB	pdf	2010-05-20 15:32:03
10-115	Make clear the distinction between a Process Description, a WPS Application Profile, a profile of the WPS Specification	Edward Nash		103.12 KB	pdf	2010-05-20 15:30:56
10-114	Version number in Normative References to OGC documents	Steven Keens		104.79 KB	pdf	2010-05-20 15:29:45
10-113	LockFeature description does not correlate with schema fragments.	Panagiotis (Peter) A. Vretanos		104.09 KB	pdf	2010-05-20 15:28:29
10-112	Refine Granularity of Timestamps	Thomas Lane		103 KB	pdf	2010-05-20 15:27:13
10-111	Public comments on GeoAPI 3.0 specification draft	Martin Desruisseaux		167.54 KB	pdf	2010-05-20 12:56:54
09-142r3	Open GeoSMS Specification	Kuo-Yu slayer Chuang		359.66 KB	pdf	2010-05-20 11:26:18
10-110	Catalogue (CSW) 2.0.2 CR: introducing a new attribute to enrich the semantics of numberOfRecordsMatched	Yuqi Bai		104.88 KB	pdf	2010-05-19 14:55:49
10-066	Semantics of requirements class extension	Lorenzo Bigagli		103.67 KB	pdf	2010-05-19 14:53:14
10-065	Include MIME type specifications in XML encoding standards	Simon Cox		107.62 KB	pdf	2010-05-19 14:50:52
10-109	Make get Domain more general	Panagiotis (Peter) A. Vretanos		104.07 KB	pdf	2010-05-17 12:31:50
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10-107r1	KVP parameter ordering and unrecognized KVP parameters	Keith Pomakis		105 KB	pdf	2010-05-16 01:51:26
10-106	BNF for WKT syntax does not specify whitespace between coordinates	Kevin Martin		104.01 KB	pdf	2010-05-16 01:43:58
10-105	Create new feature type capability for WFS	Panagiotis (Peter) Vretanos		101.55 KB	pdf	2010-05-16 01:41:46

# Document Types

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- **Implementation Standard**

- Can be implemented in software. Encoding, Interface, API

- **Abstract Specifications**

- Conceptual foundation / reference model for spec development

- **Best Practices**

- How to use an OGC standard in a given context or domain

- **Engineering Report**

- Report the results of an interoperability initiative

- **Discussion Paper**

- Technical discussion related to one or more OGC standards

- **White Paper**

- General Discussion on some topic of interest on OGC standards

- **Change Request**

- Details on proposed change to an OGC standard



# OGC Document Types

# OGC Standards Documents



- OGC Standards Documents have 2 subtypes:
  - Abstract Specifications (AS)
  - Implementation Standards (IS)
- Standards are the primary “product” of the work of the Consortium.
- Guided by the Technical Committee Policies and Procedures.
  - [http://portal.opengeospatial.org/files/?artifact\\_id=23325](http://portal.opengeospatial.org/files/?artifact_id=23325)



# Implementation Standard (IS)

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- A document containing an OGC consensus computing technology dependent standard for application programming interfaces, models, and encodings as well as related standards based on the Abstract Specification or domain-specific extensions to the Abstract Specification provided by domain experts. (usually as a result of activity in a Working Group).
  - Formal review via the OGC RFC process. Next slide.
  - Includes member approved profiles and application schemas.

# Request For Comment (RFC) - Candidate



- Definition:
  - A candidate standard that has been formally submitted into the standards process by a Standards Working Group. Typically, this submission occurs at the point the SWG requests formal OAB review of the document or for the official 30 day public comment period, whichever is first.
- Clarification
  - Can only be submitted by OGC members
  - Requires an official vote in the SWG for such a request

# Four sub-types of IS



- Interface
  - An IS that documents member agreement on named set of operations that characterize the behavior of an entity. An example is the WMS standard.
- Encoding
  - An IS that documents member agreement on how to describe geospatial data and to focus on what data is and how to structure, store and to send geographic information. An example is GML.
- Profile
  - An IS that documents member agreement on a strict subset of an OGC standard applicable to multiple Application Schemas. An example of a profile is the GML Profile for Simple Feature Exchange
- Application Schema
  - An IS that documents member agreement a subset of an OGC implementation standard and adds application specific entities, e.g., feature types. An example of an application schema is LandGML.

# Abstract Specification (AS)



- A document (or set of documents) containing an OGC consensus computing technology independent specification for application programming interfaces and related specifications based on object-oriented or other IT accepted concepts that describes and/or models an application environment for interoperable geoprocessing and geospatial data and services products.
  - Formal review and vote by Members.
  - SWG not required. Can be developed in any OGC WG or SC.








# Abstract Spec on the OGC website

## <http://www.opengeospatial.org/standards/as>



### Abstract Specifications

The OGC Technical Committee (TC) has developed an architecture in support of its vision of geospatial technology and data interoperability called the OpenGIS Abstract Specification. The Abstract Specification provides the conceptual foundation for most OGC specification development activities. Open interfaces and protocols are built and referenced against the Abstract Specification, thus enabling interoperability between different brands and different kinds of spatial processing systems. The Abstract Specification provides a reference model for the development of OpenGIS Implementation Specifications.

◆ Document Title (click to download)	◆ Version	◆ Document #	◆ Editor	◆ Date
 <a href="#">Topic 0 - Overview</a> Introduction and roadmap to the Abstract specification.	5.0	04-084	Carl Reed	2005-06-27
<b>Topic 1 - Feature Geometry</b> Same as ISO 19107, available at <a href="http://www.iso.org">http://www.iso.org</a> .	5.0	01-101	John Herring	2001-05-10
 <a href="#">Topic 2 - Spatial referencing by coordinates</a>	4.0	08-015r2	Roger Lott	2010-04-27
 <a href="#">Topic 2.1: Spatial Referencing by Coordinates - Extension for Parametric Values</a> Topic 2.1	1.0	10-020	Paul Cooper	2014-04-16
 <a href="#">Topic 3 - Locational Geometry Structures</a> Provides essential and abstract models for GIS technology that is widely used.	4.0	99-103	Cliff Kottman	1999-03-18
 <a href="#">Topic 4 - Stored Functions and Interpolation</a> This Topic Volume provides essential and abstract models for technology that is used widely across the GIS landscape. Its first heavy use is expected to occur in support of Coverage specifications (see Topic 6, The Coverage Type).	4.0	99-104	Cliff Kottman	1999-03-30
 <a href="#">Topic 5 - Features</a> From ISO 19101, "A feature is an abstraction of a real world phenomenon"; it is a geographic feature if it is associated with a location relative to the Earth.	5.0	08-126	Cliff Kottman and Carl Reed	2009-01-15
 <a href="#">Topic 6 - Schema for coverage geometry and functions</a> This International Standard defines a conceptual schema for the spatial characteristics of coverages. Coverages support mapping from a spatial, temporal or spatiotemporal domain to feature attribute values where feature attribute types are common to all geographic positions within the domain. A coverage domain consists of a collection of direct positions in a coordinate space that may be defined in terms of up to three spatial dimensions as well as a temporal dimension.	7.0	07-011	OGC	2007-12-28
 <a href="#">Topic 7 - Earth Imagery</a> Replaced previous material in Topic 7 with ISO 19101-2, Reference Model - Geographic Information - Imagery. Version 5 of OGC Topic 7 is identical with ISO 19101-2 Working Draft #3. Topic 7 will be updated jointly with the progress of ISO 19191-2. Appendix A of Topic 7, version 4	5.0	04-107	George Percivall	2004-10-15

# Best Practices Document



- **Definition:**

- **A document containing discussion of best practices related to the use and/or implementation of an adopted OGC document or related technology and for release to the public. Best Practices Papers are the official position of the OGC and thus represent an endorsement of the content of the paper.**

- **Clarification**

- A best practice is a technique or methodology that, through experience and research, has proven to reliably lead to a desired result. A commitment to using the best practices in any field is a commitment to using all the knowledge and technology at one's disposal to ensure success.
- A best practice tends to spread throughout a field or industry after a success has been demonstrated. However, it is often noted that demonstrated best practices can be slow to spread, even within an organization. According to the American Productivity & Quality Center, the three main barriers to adoption of a best practice are a lack of knowledge about current best practices, a lack of motivation to make changes involved in their adoption, and a lack of knowledge and skills required to do so.
- Requires changes to the OGC TC P&P
- Requires changes to the OGC web site
- Most of the current OGC Recommendation Papers are in fact Best Practices documents.







# Best Practices on the OGC Web Site

## <http://www.opengeospatial.org/standards/bp>



### Best Practices

Documents containing discussion of best practices related to the use and/or implementation of an adopted OGC document and for release to the public. Best Practices Documents are an official position of the OGC and thus represent an endorsement of the content of the paper. Schemas for some of these documents can be at the [Best Practices Schema Repository](#).

Document Title (click to view/download)	Version	Document #	Editor	Date
 <a href="#">A URN namespace for the Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC)</a>	0.4	07-107r3	Carl Reed	2008-05-02
This document describes a URN (Uniform Resource Name) namespace that is engineered by the Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC) for naming persistent resources published by the OGC. The formal Namespace identifier (NID) is "ogc".				
 <a href="#">Binary Extensible Markup Language (BXML) Encoding Specification</a>	0.0.8	03-002r9	Craig Bruce	2006-01-18
This OGC Best Practices document specifies a binary encoding format for the efficient representation of XML data, especially scientific data that is characterized by arrays of numbers. This encoding format is applicable to any application that uses XML format.				
 <a href="#">Cataloguing Earth Observation Products for ebXML Registry Information Model 3.0 based Catalogues cat-eo-ebxml-rim-3.0</a>	1.0	10-189r2	Frédéric Houbie; Fabian Skivee	2012-06-12
This OGC® document specifies the Earth Observation Products Extension Package for ebXML Registry Information Model 3.0, based on the [OGC 10-157r1] Earth Observation Metadata profile of Observations and Measurements. It enables CSW-ebRIM catalogues to handle a variety of metadata pertaining to earth observation p/products as defined in [OGC 10-157r1]. This proposed application profile document describes model and encodings required to discover, search and present metadata from catalogues of Earth Observation products. The profile presents a minimum specification for catalogue interoperability within the EO domain, with extensions for specific classes of metadata.				
 <a href="#">Compliance Test Language (CTL) Best Practice</a>	0.6.0	06-126r2	Chuck Morris	2009-07-21
This document establishes Compliance Test Language, an XML grammar for documenting and scripting suites of tests for verifying that an implementation of a specification complies with the specification.				
 <a href="#">Definition identifier URNs in OGC namespace</a>	1.3	07-092r3	Arliss Whiteside	2009-01-15
This document specifies Universal Resource Names (URNs) in the "ogc" URN namespace to be used for identifying definitions. These definitions include definitions of Coordinate Reference Systems (CRSs) and related objects, as specified in OGC Abstract Specification Topic 2: Spatial referencing by coordinates, plus several other resource types for which standard identifiers are useful in OGC Web Services. This document specifies the formats used by these URNs, including formats that can reference definitions recorded in the EPSG database and by other authorities. This document also specifies URNs for some specific definitions for which OGC is the custodian.				
 <a href="#">DGIWG WMS 1.3 Profile and systems requirements for interoperability for use within a military environment WMS DGIWG Profile</a>	0.9.0	09-102	Cyril Minoux	2009-09-02
This document specifies requirements for systems providing maps using OGC Web Map Service. The document defines a profile of OGC WMS 1.3 implementation standard [WMS1.3], a list of normative system requirements and a list of non-normative recommendations. The Defence Geospatial Information Working Group (DGIWG) performed the work as part of through the S05 Web Data Access Service Project of the				

# Engineering Report (ER)

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- **Definition:**

- A document that reports on some technical activity in an Interoperability Program Initiative. An ER is initially not a publicly available document. An ER does not represent the official position of the OGC or of the OGC Technical Committee.

- **Clarification**

- ERs will not be referred to as a “candidate standard” “candidate standard”.
- Developed by members potentially with help from OGC Consultants and staff
- An ER can become a Public Engineering Report, a Best Practices Paper, or submitted via the OGC RFC process for consideration as an adopted standard.
- Usually first released as a Public Engineering Report if members deem document is mature enough.






# Public Engineering Reports on the OGC website

## <http://www.opengeospatial.org/standards/per>



### OGC Public Engineering Reports

Documents that present technology issues being considered in the Working Groups of the Open Geospatial Consortium Technical Committee. Their purpose is to create discussion in the geospatial information industry on a specific topic. These papers do not represent the official position of the Open Geospatial Consortium nor of the OGC Technical Committee. Schemas for some of these documents can be at the [Discussion Paper Schema Repository](#).

Document Title (click to download)	Version	Document #	Editor	Date
 <a href="#">OGC® Testbed 10 Summary Engineering Report</a>		14-044	Lew Leinenweber	2015-02-02
The OGC Testbed 10 was an initiative of OGC's Interoperability Program to collaboratively extend and demonstrate OGC's baseline for geospatial interoperability. The majority of work for Testbed 10 was conducted between October 2013 and April 2014.				
 <a href="#">USGS OGC® Interoperability Assessment Report</a>		14-079r1	Ingo Simonis	2015-02-02
The USGS Interoperability assessment was conducted under the OGC Interoperability Program with the goal to better understand how USGS customers make use of OGC compliant Web services operated by USGS. For this assessment, USGS customers have been invited to share their experiences and to describe their use cases and experiences made with USGS data services and products. From those descriptions, recommendations have been derived that help USGS to better understand their user community and optimize their service offerings.				
 <a href="#">WaterML2.0 part 2 – rating tables, gauging observations and cross-sections: Interoperability Experiment Results</a>		14-114r1	Peter Taylor	2014-12-30
Part 1 of WaterML2.0 covers exchange of hydrological time-series data, the observational processes used to generate them, and information related to the monitoring points (stations/sites) where time-series data are typically collected. WaterML2.0 Part 2, is a candidate standard that defines how to exchange rating tables, gauging observations and cross-sections in an interoperable manner. This engineering report outlines the design and results of an OGC Interoperability Experiment (IE) that implemented and tested the current WaterML2.0 part 2 information model. The OGC IE experiment ran was conducted from November 2013 to August 2014. The use case for the IE involved exchange of data in three scenarios in Australia, US and the UK. This report describes the software requirements, design, deployments and challenges faced by the experiment. The results were used to improve the WaterML2.0 part 2 information model and provided the basis for the formation of an OGC Standards Working Group (SWG) in August 2014. This SWG is responsible for formalization of the candidate OGC standard, for submission in 2015.				
<a href="#">OGC® Aircraft Access to SWIM (AAtS) Harmonization Project Summary Report</a>		14-086r1	Josh Lieberman, Johannes Echterhoff, Matt de Ris, George Wilber	2014-11-03
This OGC® document summarizes the Aircraft Access to SWIM (AAtS) Harmonization activity developed by a team funded by the FAA and led by the Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC). The activity involved assembling a core team of industry participant experts to analyze and harmonize four standards suites and/or standards-based architectures relevant to air-ground information exchange: • The Aircraft Access to SWIM (AAtS) concept, • RTCA aeronautical information services (AIS) and meteorological (MET) information data link service committee's (SC-206) concepts and standards, • Air-Ground Information Exchange A830 (AGIE) standard and • OGC standards and architectural perspectives. Elements of this effort have included: • Creation and public release of a Request for Information • Analysis of the fits and overlaps between the four standards suites • Engagement with ongoing standards development efforts to reduce incompatibilities				
<a href="#">OGC® Aircraft Access to SWIM (AAtS) Harmonization</a>		14-073r1	George Wilber,	2014-11-03

# OGC Discussion Paper (DP)



- **Definition:**

- A document containing discussion of some technology or standards work for release to the public. Discussion Papers are not an official position of the OGC and contain a statement to that effect.

- **Clarification**

- No change from current P&P
- A Discussion Paper can eventually become a Best Practices document or an adopted spec via the RFC process or the Profile adoption process.
- Not a white paper. A Discussion paper is related to one or more approved or candidate standards. A white paper is at a higher (more abstract) level.
- The Members deem the document is mature enough for public release.





# Discussion Papers are on the OGC website



## Discussion Papers

Documents that present technology issues being considered in the Working Groups of the Open Geospatial Consortium Technical Committee. Their purpose is to create discussion in the geospatial information industry on a specific topic. These papers do not represent the official position of the Open Geospatial Consortium nor of the OGC Technical Committee. Schemas for some of these documents can be at the [Discussion Paper Schema Repository](#).

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Document Title (click to download)	Version	Document #	Editor	Date
 <a href="#">OGC Web Feature Service (WFS) Temporality Extension</a>		12-027r3	Timo Thomas	2014-07-16
This OGC discussion paper provides a proposal for a temporality extension for the WFS 2.0 and FES 2.0 standard. It is based on the work of and experiences made in several OWS test beds, in particular OWS-7, OWS-8 and OWS-9, Aviation threads and discussions at the 2011 OGC TC meeting in Brussels, Belgium. It partially replaces and advances the document "OWS-8 Aviation: Guidance for Retrieving ADM 5.1 data via an OGC WFS 2.0" [4].				
 <a href="#">OGC HY_Features: a Common Hydrologic Feature Model</a>		11-039r3	Irina Dornblut, Rob Atkinson	2014-02-24
Common semantics support the reference of features to the concept they represent and the integration of data proceed using the semantic framework such mappings provide. However there is no standard conceptual model for hydrologic feature identification. Different models of hydrologic processes, and different scales of detail, lead to a variety of information models to describe these features, and to different and mostly incompatible sets of feature identifiers. This document describes requirements and a proposed design for a domain model of hydrologic features as a set of interrelated Application Schemas using the ISO 19109 General Feature Model,				
 <a href="#">OGC OpenSearch Extension for Correlated Search</a>		13-068	Pedro Gonçalves	2014-02-24
This OGC discussion paper presents an OpenSearch query protocol extension for the execution of correlation queries between different Search Feeds. Services that support the OpenSearch Specification and Correlation extension defined in this document are called OpenSearch Correlation Services. With the proposed extensions it will be possible to execute distributed queries with correlation and search criteria defining the results aggregation.				
 <a href="#">OGC Geospatial eXensible Access Control Markup Language (GeoXACML) 3.0 Core</a>		13-100	Andreas Matheus	2013-11-06
This standard defines the version 3.0 of a geospatial extension to the OASIS eXtensible Access Control Markup Language (XACML) Version 3.0 standard. It thereby enables the interoperable definition of access rights / constraints using the XACML 3.0 language, processing model and policy schema but extends the ability to phrase conditions on geographic characteristics of subjects, resources and objects. In that sense, a GeoXACML policy could restrict access to geospatial information, e.g. provided by OGC Web Services. However, a GeoXACML policy could also restrict access to non geospatial assets by stating restrictions for access based on the location of the user (or the mobile device used) trying to access the protected assets. Therefore, this standard applies to main stream IT. For enabling processing of access control decisions based on geometry, Geospatial eXensible Access Control Markup Language (GeoXACML) 3.0 Core inherits by normative reference ISO 19125 which defines a geometry model and functions on geometry instances which enrich the XACML 3.0 specification.				

# OGC White Paper (WP)



- **Definition:**

- A publication released by the OGC to the Public that states a position on a social, political, technical or other subject, often including a high-level explanation of an architecture or framework of a solution. A White Paper often explains the results or conclusions of research.

- **Clarification**

- A WP can be written by OGC staff, OGC consultants, or OGC member(s) on a particular technology or domain topic of interest to the community and related to the ongoing standards development work of the Consortium.
- A WP will not be considered for adoption as an OGC Implementation Standard
- Release must be approved by the members (vote).
- Not an official position of the OGC

# White Papers are published on the OGC website



A white paper is an OGC member approved publication released by the OGC to the Public that states a position on one or more technical considerations or other subjects that are germane to the work of the OGC, often including a high-level explanation of a standards based architecture or framework of a solution. A White Paper often explains the results or conclusions of research. A White Paper is not an official position of the OGC.

Title	Author	Date	File Formats
OGC Information Technology Standards for Sustainable Development (14-095)	Lance McKee	2015-01-23	
OGC Smart Cities Spatial Information Framework (OGC 14-115)	George Percivall	2015-01-21	
The Open Geospatial Consortium and EarthCube (OGC 11-159)	David Maidment, Ben Domenico, Alastair Gemmell, Kerstin Lehnert, David Tarboton, Ilya Zaslavsky	2011-10-19	
Cyberarchitecture for Geosciences White Paper (OGC 11-145)	George Percivall	2014-05-20	
OGC Sensor Web Enablement: Overview and High Level Architecture (OGC 07-165r1)	Mike Botts, George Percivall, Carl Reed, John Davidson	2013-04-02	
Architecture of an Access Management Federation for Spatial Data and Services in Germany (OGC 12-026)	Andreas Matheus	2012-04-18	
Geospatial Business Intelligence (GeoBI) (OGC 09-044r3)	George Percivall and Raj Singh	2012-07-12	
Open Source and Open Standards (OGC 11-110)	Arnulf Christl and Carl Reed	2011-08-11	
OGC Standards and Cloud Computing (OGC 11-036)	Lance McKee, Carl Reed, Steven Ramage	2011-04-07	

<http://www.opengeospatial.org/pressroom/papers>

# Change Requests



- At any time, any OGC member or non-member can submit a Change Request Proposal (CRP). A CRP allows for the formal documentation of a proposed change to an existing, adopted OGC standard or abstract specification. The change could be an identified error, an inconsistency, a requested enhancement, or a major proposed enhancement. Submitted CRP's are catalogued and stored on a publicly accessible site.
- Only formal Change Requests shall be considered by Standards Working Groups in the OGC and are the basis for revisions to existing OGC standards.

# OGC Change Requests



- Can be submitted by anyone – Member or non-Members
- Use the public Change Request Submission application
  - [http://portal.opengeospatial.org/public\\_ogc/change\\_request.php](http://portal.opengeospatial.org/public_ogc/change_request.php)

**OGC On-line Change/Requirement Request**

**Instructions**  
The below Request form is for submitting official change requests for current publicly available OGC documents and Standards, and for official new requirements not related to current documents or Standards would include, but are not limited to: Implementation Standards, Abstract Specifications and Best Practices Papers. All request submissions will be vetted for apparent errors or omissions, the OGC Staff and/or responsible Standards Working Group have the right to reject the proposed request. Rejected submissions will be returned to the submitter and the comments will be archived. Bogus submissions will be discarded without notice.

Once a submission is deemed appropriate, the Technical Committee Chair (TCC) has the responsibility of assigning the Request (CR or Requirement) to the appropriate OGC Committee, Working Group. All Change Requests are public and available on the OGC Website. Requirements will be made available shortly.

Should you have any questions about the process for new requirements, please contact [creed@opengeospatial.org](mailto:creed@opengeospatial.org).

Should you have any questions about this form, or the process for change requests, please contact [change-requests@opengeospatial.org](mailto:change-requests@opengeospatial.org).

**1. Submitter Contact Information**  
2. Confirmation of Submitter Information  
3. Input of Request Details  
4. Request Review (off-line by OGC Staff/SWG)

**Step 1**

<b>Given Name:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Last Name:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Organization:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Email:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Type of Submission:</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Change Request <input type="radio"/> New Requirement
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# **Guiding Policies/Procedures by Document Type**





# Key policy points by Document Type \*\*

Document Type	Member Review	WG Actions	IPR Review	E-Vote
White Paper	Yes	No	No	Yes
Best Practices	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Discussion Paper	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
RFC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



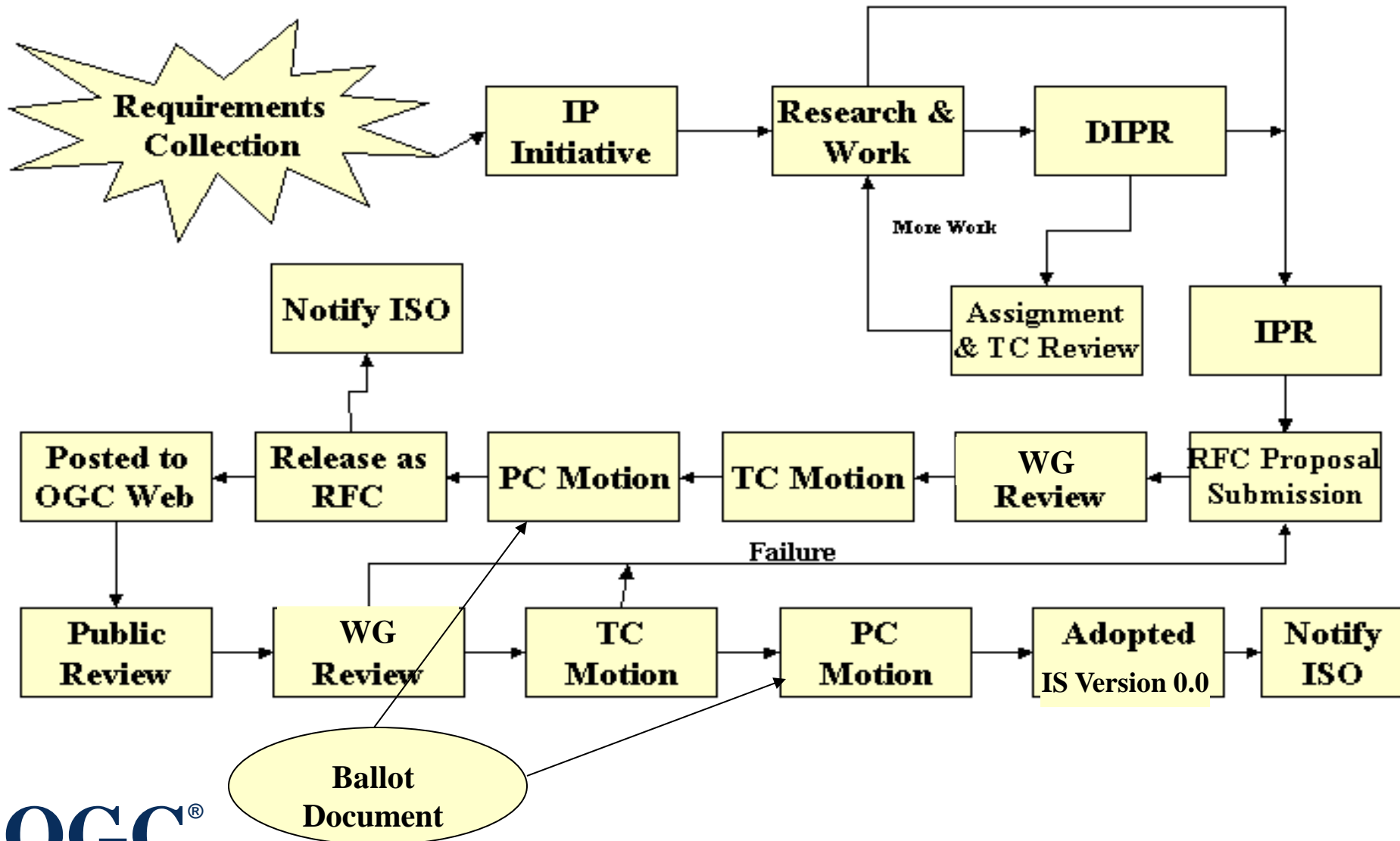
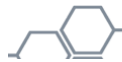
# IS Sub-type Processing Requirements

IS Sub-type	RFC Required?	Public Review?	IPR Review?
Interface	Yes	Yes	Yes
Encoding	Yes	Yes	Yes
Profile	No	Yes	No
Application Schema	No	Yes	Yes

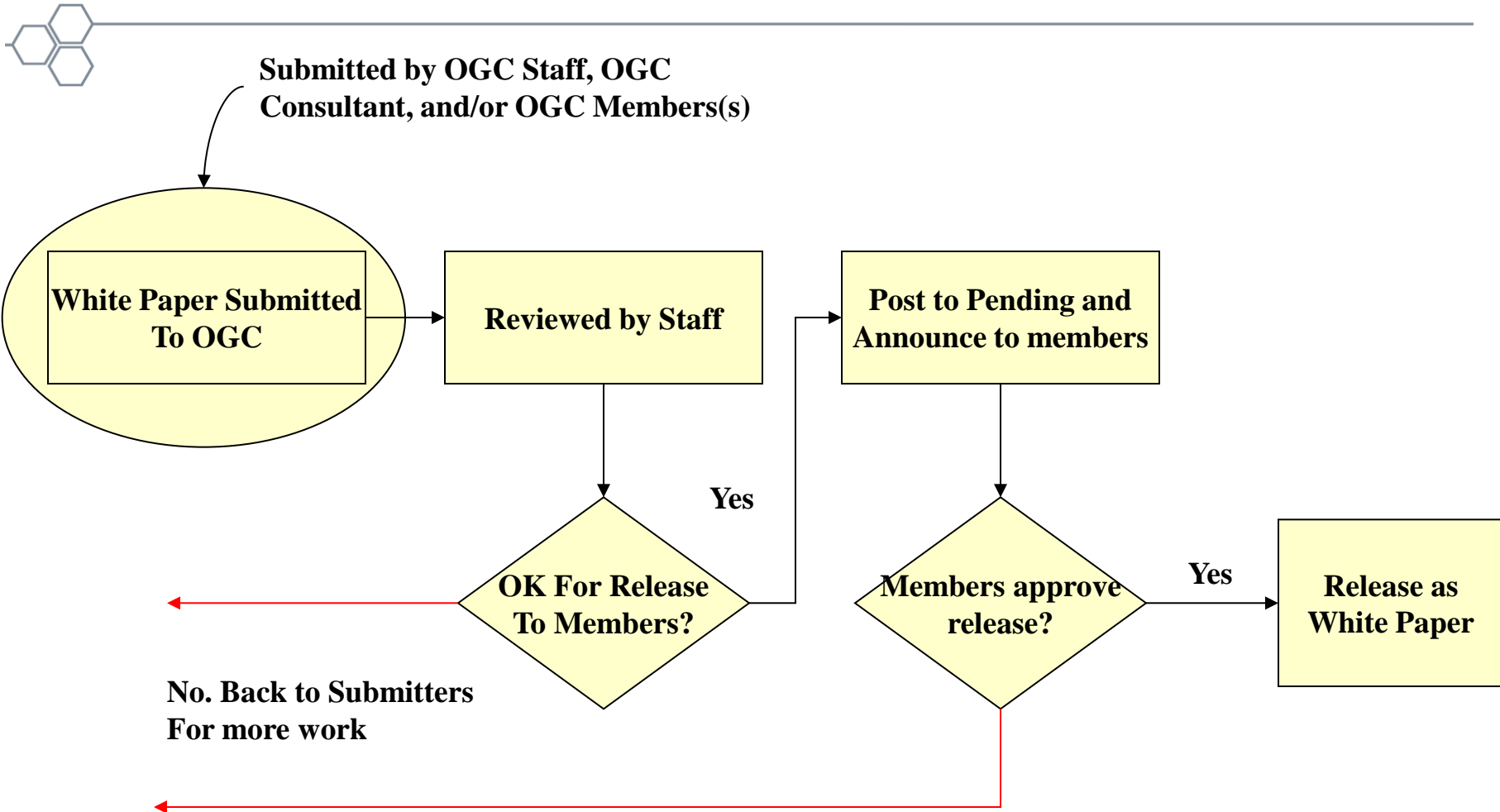


# Work Flows by Document Type

# Typical Adoption flow starting from Test bed



# White Paper Work Flow



# Typical Discussion Paper Work Flow



**Submitted by OGC Members(s) Only**  
**Usually from member research activity outside of a test bed**

**Document Submitted To OGC and posted to Pending**

**Assigned to a TC WG by WG Chair or the TCC For discussion**

**Discussed by WG at a TC Meeting**

**Motion in TC Plenary for recommendation to PC**

**Recommend to TC for release as DP**

**OK**

**Recommend to PC for release as DP**

**Not OK**

**OK**

**No. Back to Submitters For more work**

**Publication as Discussion Paper**

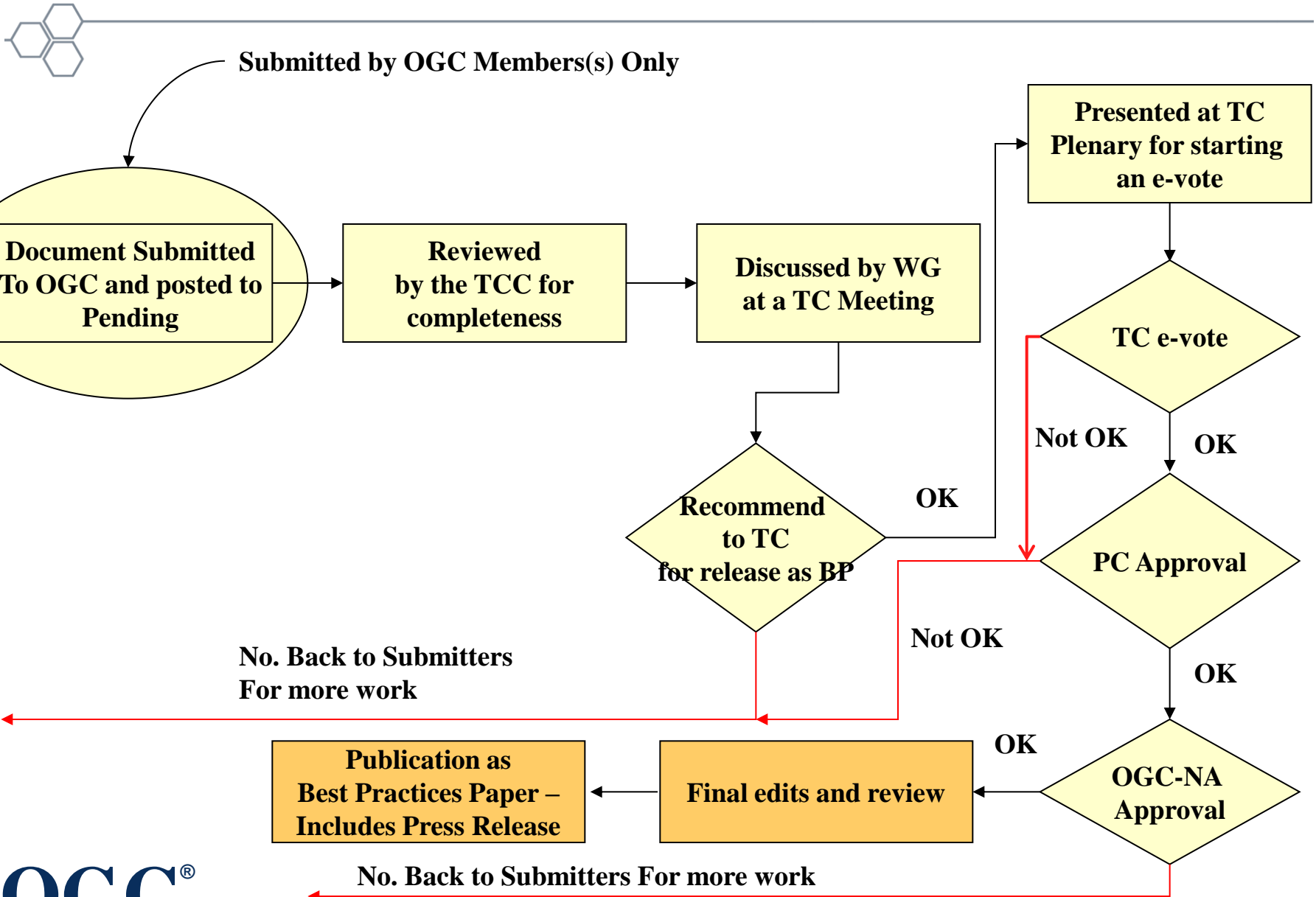
**Final Edits**

**OK**

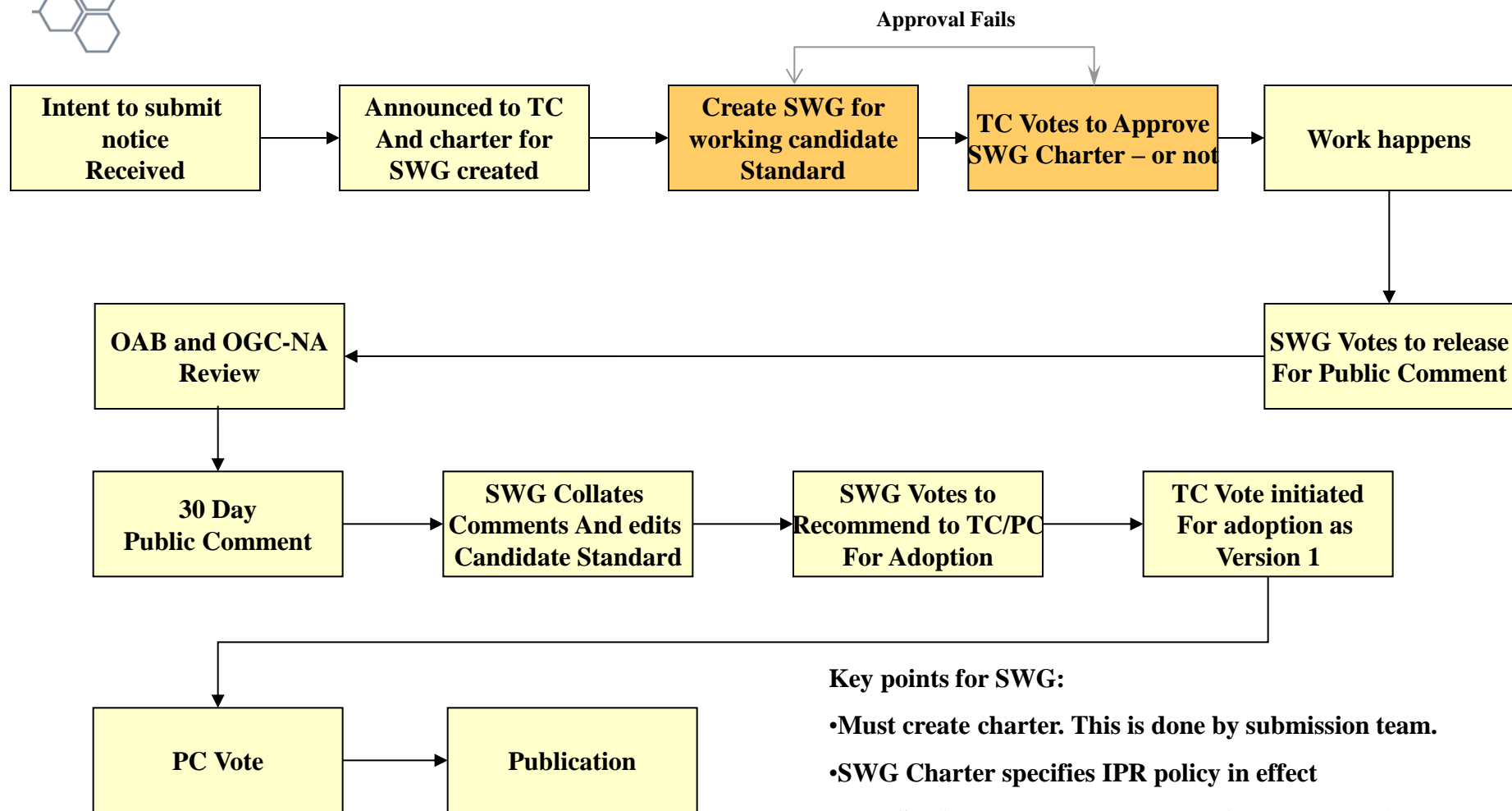
**PC Approves**

**No. Back to Submitters for more work**

# Typical Best Practices Paper Work Flow



# RFC Process General Overview – SWG based



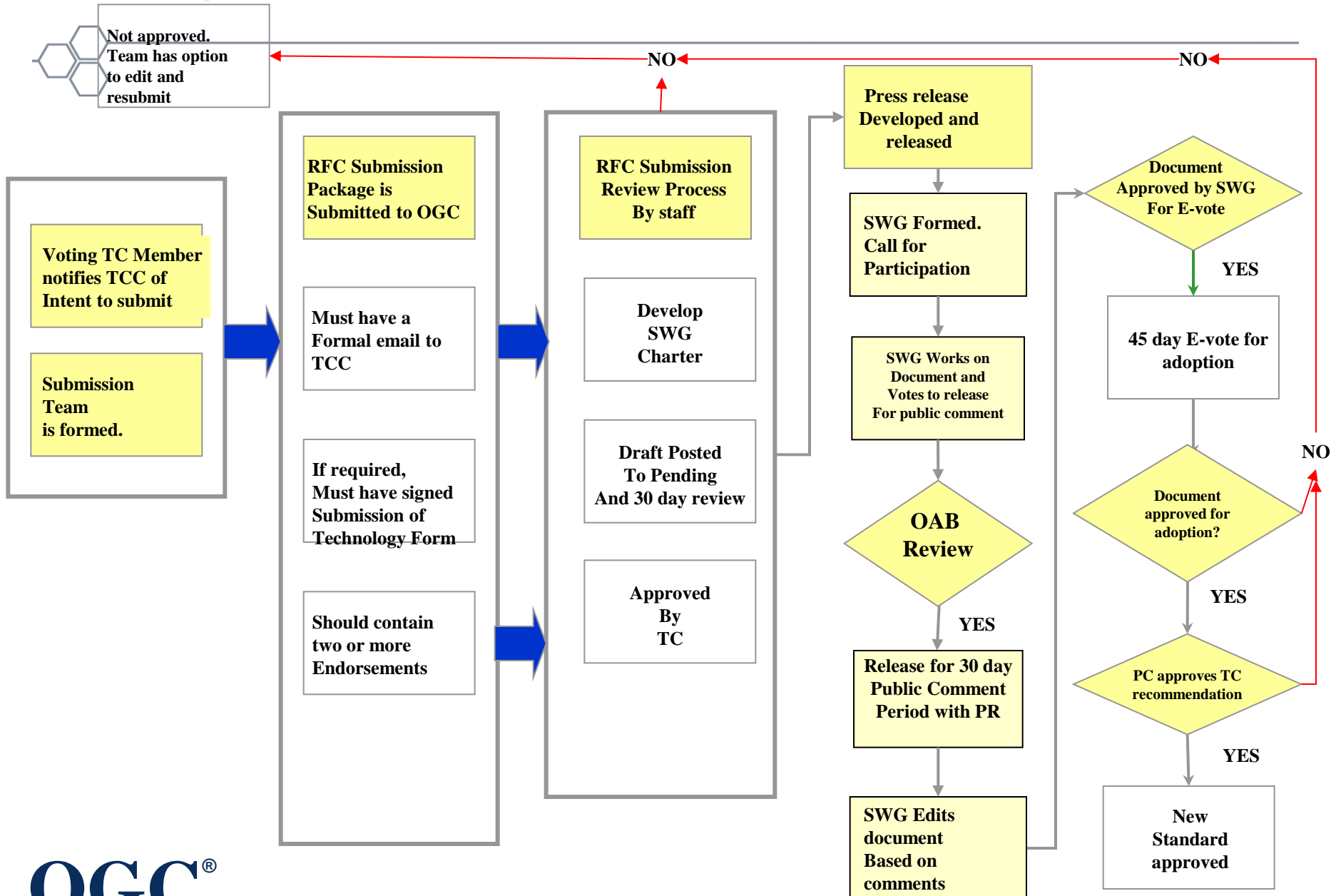
Minimum time from start to finish = 6 months

## Key points for SWG:

- Must create charter. This is done by submission team.
- SWG Charter specifies IPR policy in effect
- New SWG always announced to TC and the public.
- TC formally approves charter
- Members can opt-in to work in that SWG – or not
- A SWG can work application profiles/schemas



# Request For Comment/SWG Detailed Process



# Work Flow for a IS Profile

