

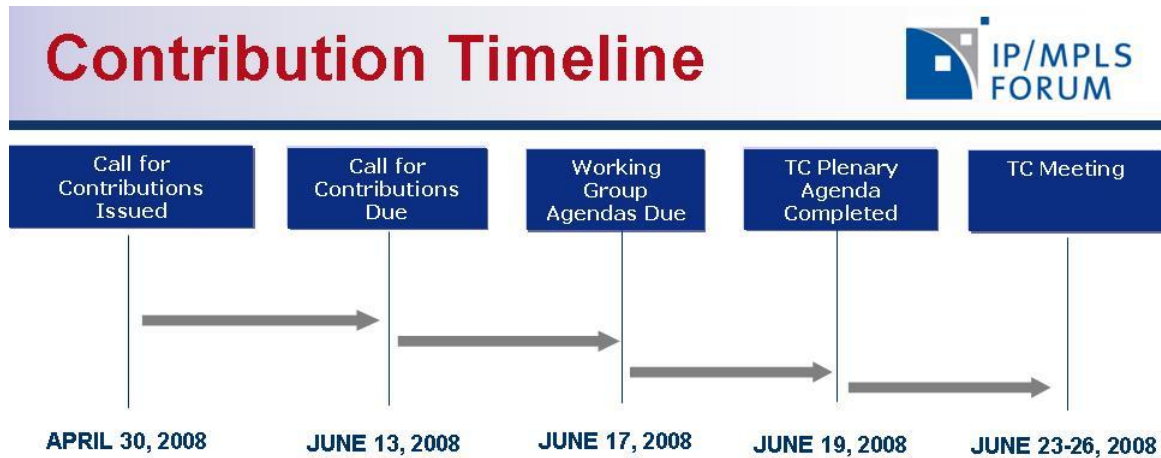
IP/MPLS Forum

*Summer 2008 TC Plenary
Call for Contributions*

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I. Summer 2008 TC Plenary Call for Contributions Timeline

The figure below outlines the Contribution process timeline for the Summer TC meeting in Vancouver, BC (June 23-26, 2008). The deadline for Contributions is **June 13, 2008** at 5 PM PDT.



After the Contribution deadline, Contributions will be deferred to the next scheduled meeting, unless otherwise approved as a Late Contribution by the Technical Committee. Contributors who expect to contribute a Late Contribution are requested to indicate their desire to do so before the deadline to the Chair of the Technical Committee so that they may set a final agenda prior to the meeting. Those submitting Late Contributions are responsible for providing any hard copies needed for the meeting, at their own expense.

For additional information on the Contribution procedure, please refer to the TC Operating Procedures Section VI.A.

II. Contributions

Please submit Contributions on ARO using the [IP/MPLS Forum Contribution template](#).

For the Summer 2008 TC Plenary Meeting the Technical Committee is soliciting Contributions regarding the current work items:

- MPLS in Mobile Backhaul
- MPLS InterCarrier Interconnect
- Packet Based GMPLS Client to Network Interconnect
- Generic Connection Admission Control (GCAC) Requirements for IP/MPLS Networks
- BGP Controlled L2VPNs
- MPLS Over Aggregated Interface
- Voice Trunking format over MPLS
- TDM Transport over MPLS using AAL1

More importantly, however, the timing is perfect for proposals outlining new work areas. Some examples of technical areas which have come up in informal discussions between IP/MPLS Forum members are:

- ICI phase 2 and 3
 - *An MPLS-ICI eliminates the need to have multiple interconnect technologies at the inter-carrier connection points, enabling it to simplify network management and reduce OPEX. These are the same factors that initially motivated carriers to deploy MPLS for their converged packet backbone networks.*
- IP Service Delivery Architectures
 - *Multi-service MPLS-based networks define high-value capabilities at the PE devices. Reaching end-users with the desired services using a variety of access and aggregation infrastructure needs an expanded service architecture.*
- Certification
 - Testing and certification for implementations of IP/MPLS Forum specifications
- Security in MPLS-based Architectures
- IPv4/IPv6 Interoperation

And most importantly, your unique insights into both IP/MPLS technologies and your company's interests are needed to define new work items for the Technical Committee. By defining a new work item you can leverage the expertise of forum members for technology development of importance to your company.