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Request for Initiation of a GISB Standard for Electronic Business Transactions or Request for Enhancement of a GISB Standard for Electronic Business Transactions

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1. Submitting Entity & Address:

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2. Contact Person, Phone #, Fax #, Electronic Mailing Address:

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3. Description of Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

Review and recommend changes to the EDM Standards Manual, to ensure that the text of the manual is supported by existing standards and recommend incorporation of changes in the EDM manual to streamline the manual consistent with existing standards.

4. Use of Proposed Standard or Enhancement (include how the standard will be used, documentation on the description of the proposed standard, any existing documentation of the proposed standard, and required communication protocols):

The recommended changes to the EDM standards manual would be published and would be used by companies as they implement GISB standards. The manual would be used in instruction in GISB courses.

5. Description of Any Tangible or Intangible Benefits to the Use of the Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

GISB has been noted as a continuous improvement organization. Standards manuals that are easy to use and understand benefit all companies that implement the GISB standards.

6. Estimate of Incremental Specific Costs to Implement Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

There is no incremental cost.

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The six standards manuals published by GISB should be as close in format and layout as possible to avoid confusion as companies implement the standards in multiple areas. Instruction is improved through consistent materials. The manuals are the primary materials for GISB courses.

8. If This Proposed Standard or Enhancement Is Not Tested Yet, List trading Partners Willing to Test Standards or Enhancement (Corporations and contacts):

Not applicable.

9. If This Proposed Standard or Enhancement Is in Use, Who are the Trading Partners:

Not applicable.

9. Attachments (such as: further detailed proposals, transaction data descriptions, information flows, implementation guides, business process descriptions, examples of ASC ANSI X12 mapped transactions):

Not applicable.