**By e-mail: candidates@peppol.eu**

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**Notification of Candidacy: Managing Committee PA Representative**

It is with great pleasure I submit my candidacy for the open vacancy on the Managing Committee.

OpenPeppol is facing many challenges, not least of which is the growing interest in CTC, the introduction of ViDA and other public policy issues that will impact the future of Peppol’s decentralised model. As more State and private sector actors adopt eInvoicing and eBusiness digitisation tools, the Managing Committee must sharpen its focus on developing strategies and plans to promote the benefits of the Peppol Interoperability Framework and its clear advantages over more centralised, highly regulated models.

I would like to see more robust strategic and operational planning taking place within the MC. This is particularly important given the challenges before us, and the limited resources at our disposal.

The areas I would like to address over the next two years include:

* The development of a five year strategic plan to address the current and future challenges faced by OpenPeppol and its members;
* A review of OpenPeppol’s current operating model (including a comprehensive review of the Statues) to ensure it remains fit for purpose;
* A review of OpenPeppool’s funding model and cost base to identify potential sources of revenue while also ensuring members continue to get value for money from their membership fees; and
* A review of the Open Office structure and resourcing requirements to ensure it has the people, the resources and tools it needs to support of the association and its members;

I would welcome the opportunity to contribute my skills and experience to these important tasks.

A summary of the key competencies I can bring to this role is attached for your review and consideration.

Thank you for your consideration.

Craig Smith

Principal Policy Advisor | e-Invoicing and e-Procurement

NZ Peppol Authority

**My Current Role**

**Principal Policy Advisor eInvoicing and eProcurement**

A subject domain leadership position in the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment responsible for supporting the overall capability of the New Zealand Peppol Authority and eInvoicing team. I am responsible for ensuring all policy and agreements enable the growth of e-Invoicing for New Zealand businesses and government organisations. I provide advice to the New Zealand Government on domestic and international issues impacting eInvoicing, eProcurement and digital enablement generally. I also provide advice on Free Trade, Digital Economy, and other bilateral and multilateral international agreements.

**Key Competencies**

**Change Management**

Leading the restructuring of the health practitioner licensing system in Qatar, including standing up the Qatar Council of Health Practitioners, and contributing to the development of the Qatar Health Strategy 2030. Developing a compliance framework for New Zealand Petroleum and Minerals operational staff.

**Improving Board and Organisational Performance**

Developing terms of reference, and a board support manual for the Permanent Medical Licensing Committee at the Supreme Council of Health, Qatar. Consulting with the Oman Medical Specialty Board on restructuring their residency training programmes. Managing and supporting the Strategy Subcommittee of the Pharmacy Guild of New Zealand Board. Managing and supporting the Maritime New Zealand’s International Work allocation Group, and member of Maritime NZs International Governance Group.

**Business Process Review and Design**

Developing workflows and functional specifications for new registration system implementation at the Supreme Council of Health, Qatar. Drafting a Compliance Management Framework for New Zealand Petroleum and Minerals operational staff. Developing the function, structure and rationale for establishing an International Engagement and Coordination team at Maritime New Zealand including implementation of an international engagement prioritization matrix and international travel programme framework.

**International Regulatory Authority Expertise**

Managing and consulting with public and private sector organizations such as GAN Life and Pensions UK, Ministry of Justice New Zealand, The Oman Medical Specialty Board, Medical Council of New Zealand, National Health Authority Qatar, Supreme Council of Health, Qatar, New Zealand Petroleum and Minerals and Maritime New Zealand.

**Strategic Policy and Planning Leadership**

Encompassing strategic and operational policy development, programme planning and implementation. Identifying appropriate strategic solutions when developing and implementing programmes of work at the Medical Council of New Zealand, Accident Compensation Corporation, Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment, Maritime New Zealand the Supreme Council of Health, Qatar and the Oman Medical Specialty Board.

**Business Management**

I have a Post-Graduate degree in Management, supported by line and senior management of operational teams in the public and private sectors in New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the State of Qatar.