**IBM JCP Elections Position Statement**

IBM and Red Hat have been involved with Java standardisation for over a decade, representing the best values of open source development, communities and innovation. We bring a wealth of experience with growing vibrant open source communities and feeding that into a wide variety of standards efforts, such as Eclipse, OASIS and W3C and vice versa. In recent years Red Hat and IBM have worked actively on JSRs 364 and 387 to improve and streamline the JCP processes, executive committees and approach to openness.

IBM and Red Hat are actively involved in a large number of technical JSRs as well as leading several, such as JSR 346, 303, 352 and 347. We intend to continue to be involved in JSRs for the Java SE platform evolution, and beyond, as well as continuing to contribute to OpenJDK. We believe that Java standardisation is extremely important for the future of cloud, mobile, middleware and much more.

Red Hat and IBM have products that fully support open source and open standards as a fundamental part of their value. We believe that the JCP has an important role to play in Java/JVM open source and standards. Over the years we have worked closely with Sun, Oracle and other members of the EC to push for a licensing model that creates an open forum for everyone, including those who are not members of the JCP, and removes any ability for one individual or vendor to exert undue control over a standard.

Both IBM and Red Hat have worked to ensure that all of the JSRs that we lead are open and fully inclusive. We have worked within other JSRs to encourage them to likewise adopt an open policy because we believe strongly that this benefits the industry and wider communities as a whole. Innovation and standards are at their best when objective facts are used to drive efforts and politics are left behind. The JCP EC has made some significant improvements in these areas over the past few years and we are committed to working with others to see these improvements continue to completion.

In recent years, Red Hat and IBM have been leaders of Eclipse MicroProfile project, along with the LJC, TomiTribe, Payara and others, with a mission to advance enterprise Java at a more rapid pace, based upon Java EE. Recently we have been working with Oracle and the Eclipse Foundation to move Java EE successfully to the Eclipse Jakarta EE effort, where we hope that the wider Java communities will be able to get more involved than they have in the past. We remain committed to the advancement of open source and enterprise Java wherever it resides.