



Mission Statement

The PODS Association is a not-for-profit Organization that develops and maintains pipeline data and interchange standards for the oil & gas pipeline industry. The organization provides its members an environment to share knowledge by establishing a center of excellence for facilitating a global PODS community of practice. The Association's focus is to provide its domestic and international members a framework for leveraging industry standards in support of Information Management solutions related to onshore and offshore pipelines, gathering systems, and distribution systems as required to support the interests of its members.

Guiding Principles

The PODS Association Strategic Plan is guided by three principles that should be used to direct future activities that the Association will pursue. It is anticipated that all future activities should support the further enhancement of at least one of the three guiding principles below:

Improve Interoperability

Improving the interoperability of the PODS data models enabling reliable exchange of information and interaction between multiple data-bases, applications, vendor software, and even between different operators is fundamental to the PODS mission and objectives.

Member Knowledge Sharing

The value of the PODS user community is significant. Most of the issues faced by any one member are shared by all across the industry. Fostering an environment where knowledge sharing of non-proprietary information between our members will enhance the value of the Association to its members as well as further the advancement of data standards to the industry as a whole.

Growth

Growth encompasses the growth and development of the data standards offered to the industry as well as growth in membership organizations and active participation of its members in the PODS Association.

Strategic Plan Summary

Model Growth

- Outsource whenever possible when volunteer resources are not readily available
- Modularize data models to enhance flexibility for more focused development and to better accommodate all implementations
- Grow the model to include distribution and gathering pipeline systems
- Expand usefulness of the PODS model for international operators

Improve User Community/Membership Value

- Provide examples for members to better understand how PODS works
- Develop a new PODS website that better promotes the PODS message to the industry
- Provide an area on the PODS website for member feedback and community involvement
- Build and strengthen relationships with other domestic and international pipeline industry and standards organizations

Improve Data Standards/Practices

- Develop comprehensive documentation to support member implementations
- Formalize the process for collecting requirements for PODS model enhancements
- Establish release management processes for model improvements
- Provide a hosted environment to support data model testing and development of model enhancements by the Technical Committee
- Develop generic data sets for data model performance testing
- Develop roadmap for needed data interchange standard development
- Become an accredited standards organization
- Improve application and data interoperability

Association Membership Growth

- Strengthen relationships with domestic and international stakeholders
- Enhance PODS recognition and visibility
- Encourage active member participation