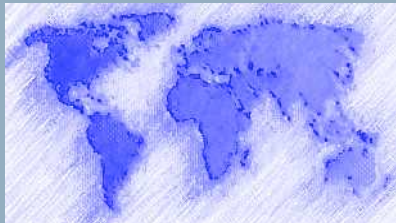


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Announcing the launch of the **Connected Vehicle Trade Association™**

The Connected Vehicle Trade Association (CVTA), a nonprofit business league, will begin accepting applications for membership in May 2005. This new industry group aims to facilitate the communication, collaboration and consensus building among companies, organizations and state and federal agencies involved in the emerging vehicle communications environment.

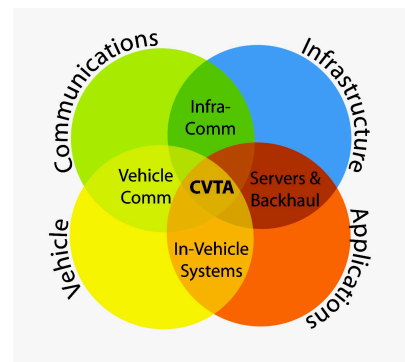
The CVTA is expected to include automotive suppliers, telematics companies, telecommunications firms, application and service providers, computer and communication infrastructure companies as well as system integrators. The goal is to provide a place to work effectively and efficiently with automakers, public entities, standards organizations and all the affected commercial entities in the connected vehicle environment.

The Connected Vehicle environment includes a broad spectrum of enabling technologies, including DSRC, cellular, satellite, WiFi and other wireless implementations. In order to adequately support the business entities who have a stake in the development, demonstration, and deployment of vehicle communications, CVTA seeks to:

- Keep Members informed of industry and government developments and opportunities
- Provide a means for the Members to collectively and efficiently influence the development of next-generation vehicle systems and infrastructure architectures.

- Provide a means for identifying and building relationships with potential customers, partners and suppliers globally.

Although the immediate efforts will concentrate on North America, there is broad interest in Europe and Asia to work toward common solutions for economic, safety and technical reasons. To improve coordination, Shared Vision Memoranda of Understanding are under development with most major industry alliances, standards and specifying organizations.



CVTA Stakeholder Map

In order to advance the development and implementation of a robust architecture for the important safety and vehicle communication issues, the CVTA will have forums for business, technical, government and inter- and intra-industry relationships, as well as committees for Legal and IP issues, Education and Standards Coordination. More information is available at www.connectedvehicle.org.