



A Memorandum of Understanding

C-NLIS (the Council for the National Land & Property Information Service) PISCES (Property Information Systems Common Exchange Standard)

Preamble

1. The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to establish a framework between C-NLIS and PISCES to facilitate the development of electronic business standards within the land and property information market.

Functions of C-NLIS and PISCES

2. C-NLIS is a community interest company committed to encouraging the growth of the electronic land and property information market and deliver a fair deal for consumers. It manages NLIS, the National Land Information Service, which provides one-stop electronic access to all official land and property information across England and Wales.
3. PISCES develops e-commerce standards for the exchange of property-related data. PISCES members have established an independent non-profit organisation to deliver an industry Standard for property related e-commerce data exchanges.

Working together

Recognising that it is the aim of both organisations to continue to improve the land and property information business processes in England and Wales, we believe that it is in our mutual interest to work together, and with others, towards the goal of an open electronic industry standard which will enable all participants in land and property conveyancing to communicate efficiently and effectively.

We intend to work together in the following ways:

4. We will work to foster a strong and continuing relationship between our organisations to better serve the consumer, the land and property industry, the legal profession and the public interest.
5. We will ensure that effective communication and co-ordination mechanisms are in place so that we can jointly work towards the development of new standards and schema.

6. We will utilise the strengths, knowledge and experience of our organisations to seek to deliver an industry Standard for property related e-commerce data exchanges which offer real benefits to property owners, the legal profession and other stakeholders.
7. We will listen to the feedback from stakeholders and members of both organisations and others to make better-informed decisions.

Review of Memorandum of Understanding

8. This Memorandum will be reviewed annually to ensure that we are maximizing our opportunities for mutual collaboration and understanding.

Dated 29 March 2007

Signed: Alex Fraser, Chief Executive, C-NLIS and Roger de Boehmler, Director General, PISCES