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Proposal Finalization: The Staff works with the proposer and other technical experts in the Community to complete the technical aspects of the proposal. The goal is to prepare a draft for the Technical Advisory Committee (NA-TAC) to approve for inclusion in the next Specification release.

The Proposer/NA-TAC should check what is in, or being developed by CEDS to ensure:

- All elements have been checked against CEDS, and that the relevant IDs have been assigned to all elements,
- that the CEDS objects in the same 'domain' as the object/service being worked on have been checked to ensure no overlap or duplication,
- Confirmation that the controlled vocabulary matches CEDS, or provide adequate reasoning why this has not been done
 - If appropriate, a proposal should be developed and sent to CEDS development team for further discussion or inclusion, so that alignment can be maintained.

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Final NA-TAC Review: The NA-TAC reviews and discusses the technical work done to support the originally approved Business/Use Cases. If approved, the draft will be incorporated into the next Specification release.

If successful at each phase and the timing matches, the proposal will be included in the next release of the Implementation Specification. If the proposal is rejected, the A4L Staff/NA-TAC will work with proposers on possible revisions for future submissions.

The NA-TAC must ensure that there is a transparent & open feedback loop with CEDS design team, so that issues can be identified – for example, when a proposed element does not work for the A4L Community - or when a new element has been identified. If appropriate, the NA-TAC must write a proposal enabling inclusion consideration from CEDS or suggest deprecating or removing an element from CEDS.