

S4 Gateway News - BACnet-N2 Router Interoperability and Field Testing

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The S4 Open: BACnet-N2 Router is being field tested at a TAC Andover Controls site, a Teletrol site, and at an Alerton site. As interoperability testing in our test lab completes for each BACnet IP client environment, we are interested in setting up early adopter / field test sites where the customer, their support contractor or BAS dealer, the BACnet client manufacturer, and The S4 Group can work cooperatively to ensure a successful product introduction. We have test environments set up in our lab, or cooperative test arrangements for the following environments.

Alerton Envision	Automated Logic WebCTRL	Honeywell EBI
Reliable Controls RC Studio	SCADA Engine BACnet OWS	TAC Andover Cyberstation
Teletrol	Trend Controls 963	Tridium

In addition, we have several integration partners who will be testing KMC TotalControl and Delta OrcaView at their own locations or at customer sites. The S4 Group wishes to thank our integration partners; our customers, who have volunteered to act as field test sites; and the BAS manufacturers, who have patiently worked with us throughout the development process and our field testing of the S4 Open: BACnet-N2 Router. We have learned a lot of valuable information and received very important input during this process. You will see most of their suggestions and comments incorporated into the final released product.

Here is the initial draft of the [PICS document](#) for the BACnet-N2 Router. This is subject to revision as the product matures.

All of our S4 Open appliances are built on the Obermeier Software automation.net software framework. Protocols and applications are constructed as plug-in modules. This means that enhancements or maintenance applied to the any of our S4 Open appliances will benefit all other S4 Open products. A current example of this is that the development and testing of the BACnet-N2 Router is benefitting from the maturity of the N2 protocol stack, auto discovery logic, device profiles, S4 Open Management

Console, and other functions used to support the OPC-N2 Router.

Please contact Steve if you are a BACnet manufacturer or integrator of any products not mentioned above and want to participate in the interoperability testing or early adopter / field testing of the BACnet-N2 Router

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