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#### PREFACE

This document is an updated version of RFC 1716, the historical Router Requirements document. That RFC preserved the significant work that went into the working group, but failed to adequately describe current technology for the IESG to consider it a current standard.

The current editor had been asked to bring the document up to date, so that it is useful as a procurement specification and a guide to implementors. In this, he stands squarely on the shoulders of those who have gone before him, and depends largely on expert contributors for text. Any credit is theirs; the errors are his.

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