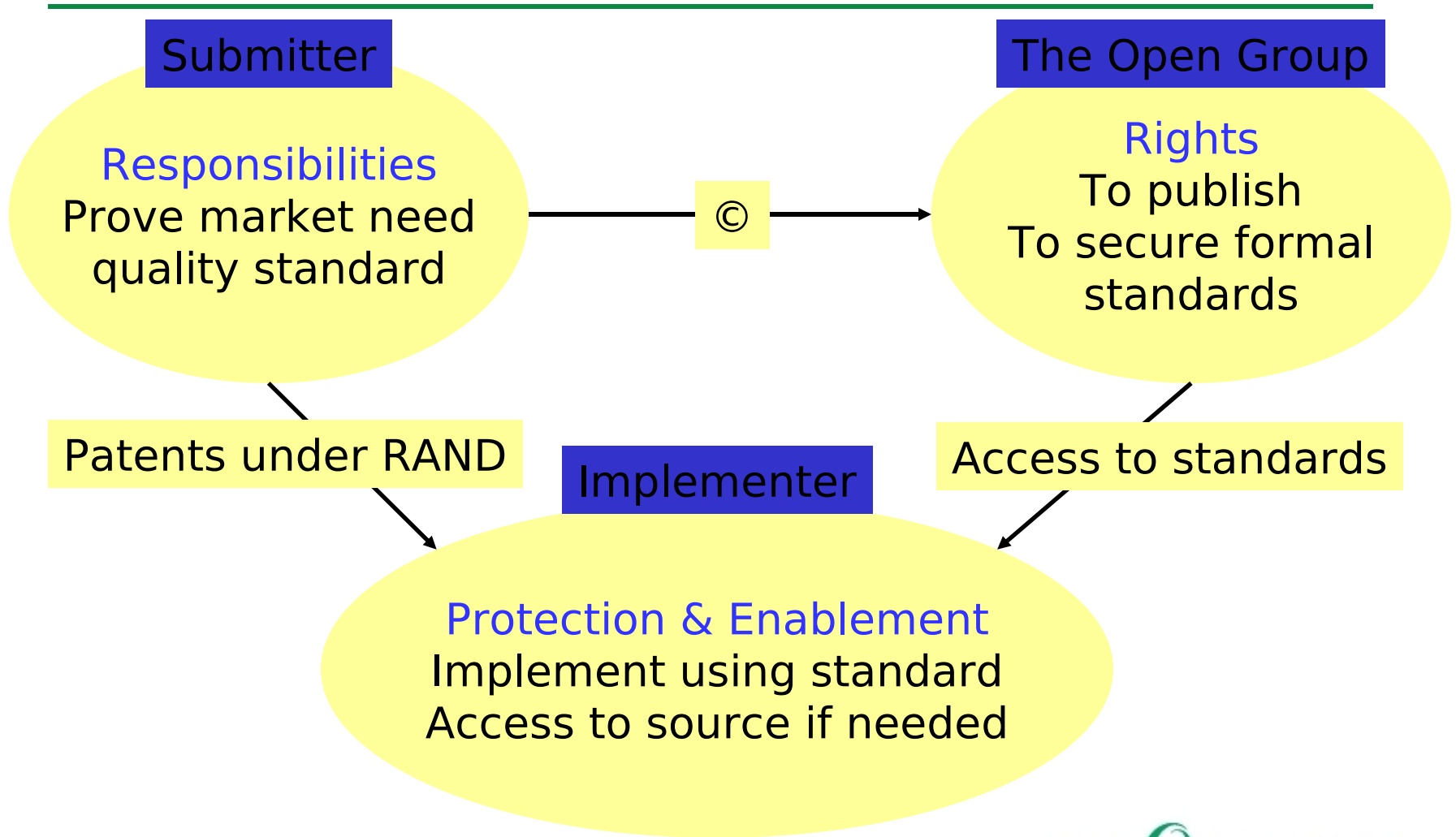


Standards Adoption Criteria

- ❑ Define what it means to have an open standard
- ❑ All standards published by The Open Group and referenced in certification programs using The Open Group trademarks **MUST** conform to the Standards Adoption Criteria

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- Three categories
 - **Mandatory** – Must be satisfied
 - **Recommended** – Ideally met
 - **Desirable** – Nice to have

Legal Criteria

- ❑ A permanent royalty free copyright license from the copyright holder of the material for The Open Group to use and publish
- ❑ If the standards to be adopted are covered by patents, such patents must be licensed by their owners on a reasonable and non-discriminatory basis
- ❑ An assurance that a person developing a product in accordance with the standard is immune from any liability to the contributor of the material in respect of the use by him or his customers of such material, other than through failure to properly license pre-disclosed patents
- ❑ The terms to be such that The Open Group will not be inhibited in its efforts to secure acceptance of the standard by international standards bodies

Stability Criteria

- The availability of a high quality standard upon which Open Group activities can be based

Implementation Criteria

- If the standard is taken from an existing product source licensable from a single vendor only, then implementations should be available to all companies on a non-discriminatory basis. This includes pricing and licensing conditions
- Freedom for anyone to develop a practical product which either supports or utilizes the same standard, subject to the need to license any pre-disclosed patents
- The standard to be adopted must be specified sufficiently that a conformant product may be implemented (and usable) using only:
 - The standard itself
 - Products or services (e.g. protocols) that are publicly available or obtainable from multiple sources on a non-discriminatory basis
 - Formal standards from accredited standards development organizations
 - Other Open Group published or referenced standards
 - Other freely available information