Dear

I'm writing to request your approval to attend <u>MEF's Global Naas Event (GNE)</u> taking place on 28–30 October, 2024, at the *Live! by Lowes* Hotel in Dallas, Texas.

GNE will feature 2 ½ days of main conference sessions with an excellent speaker line-up led by senior executives and experts in the industry. These sessions will empower me with knowledge that I can immediately apply to enhance our company's position in the industry!

Moreover, GNE will be attended by senior executives and decision makers from the enterprise, service provider, data center, hyperscaler, and vendor communities. The event will feature trends and topics outlined below of NaaS, automation, and API standardization which are highly relevant to our organization.

- NaaS challenges and opportunities.
- MEF's NaaS Industry Blueprint progress over the past twelve months.
- NaaS ecosystems.
- Automated networks.
- LSO Global Summit—hosted on Monday afternoon for companies implementing or evaluating automation APIs.
- Innovation Stations—for sponsors to showcase their products and services.
- Ample networking time to meet my industry peers new and old!
- Over 40+ press & analysts will be attending GNE.

I am confident that the knowledge and connections I acquire at <u>GNE</u> will directly contribute to our company's success. Upon my return, I'll gladly share what I've learned with my colleagues.

Thank you for considering my travel request. I look forward to your reply.

Best regards,