Section 4 Contributor Responsibilities

4.1 Overview

Contributions on projects using the ITS Open Source Process are always welcome, no matter how large or small. However, before contributing, it's important to familiarize yourself with the following resources of the project:

Some of this information is standardized in this document, but specific projects can extend or make exceptions to the process and will always have their own project-specific goals. Contributors are responsible for being familiar with the information contained in the following project files, as stored in the project's root directory:

- **README.md**: Provides an overview of the specific project,
- **CODE_OF_CONDUCT.md**: Identifies the code of conduct for the project, and
- **CONTRIBUTING.md**: Identifies project-specific rules for contributing.

For projects following the ITS Open-Source Process, the last two files will typically only identify exceptions or extensions to the rules defined by this document.

The overall process for contributing to an ITS open-source project is shown in Figure 4-1 and described in the remainder of this section.