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ENERGY STAR® is a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency program helping businesses and individuals fight global warming through superior energy efficiency.

Dear ENERGY STAR® Computer Partner or Other Industry Stakeholder:

The ENERGY STAR [Version 5.0 Specification for Computer Equipment](#) will be effective on July 1, 2009. This letter provides important information to help your company commit to this new specification.

Please note that after June 1, 2009, to allow for final development of the online product submittal tool in advance of the effective date, manufacturers may no longer join under the existing Version 4.0 PA or report qualified Computer models in OPS under the 4.0 PA.

### **Partnering under the Version 5.0 Specification**

*Existing ENERGY STAR Partners:* To continue your partnership with ENERGY STAR under Version 5.0, please complete and submit an updated Commitment Form (attached below). Existing partners must recommit to the Version 5.0 specification by June 30, 2009 in order to have the benefit of uninterrupted partner status. Send completed commitment forms to [join@energystar.gov](mailto:join@energystar.gov).

*New ENERGY STAR Partners:* Manufacturers that are not currently an ENERGY STAR Partner will need to complete and submit both a Partnership Agreement and a Commitment Form. Please complete the Manufacturer Partnership Agreement Packet which can be found on the ENERGY STAR Web site at [www.energystar.gov/join](http://www.energystar.gov/join). Click on "Manufacturers of ENERGY STAR Qualified Products." This Agreement needs only to be signed once; after that, you may expand your participation into other product areas, as appropriate, by submitting an updated Commitment Form.

### **Qualifying Products under the Version 5.0 Specification - OPS Testing Opportunity**

All computers, including models originally qualified for ENERGY STAR under previous computer specifications, with a date of manufacture on or after July 1, 2009 must meet the requirements in the new Version 5.0 specification in order to qualify for ENERGY STAR (including additional manufacturing runs of models originally qualified under previous specifications). Please note that after June 1, 2009, manufacturers may no longer join under the existing Version 4.0 PA or report qualified Computer models in OPS under the 4.0 PA.

EPA is currently completing development of an online tool that partners can use to report qualifying product models to EPA. The ENERGY STAR Online Product Submittal (OPS) tool for Computer Equipment will go live in mid-June 2009. A draft version of the OPS tool is scheduled for availability between June 2 and June 5 to give partners an advance look at the system and provide an opportunity for comment. EPA would welcome representatives from current computer Partners to test the system with sample data. Data entered into the staging system will not be saved. **Please contact Evan Haines, [ehaines@icfi.com](mailto:ehaines@icfi.com), by June 3 to express interest and receive a username and password to the staging system.**

After completion of testing and when OPS is available, Partners will need to enter data regarding products qualified using the QPI form into OPS. For products originally qualified under Version 4.0, data from current product listings will be available in OPS for partners to revise and amend for resubmittal

under Version 5.0. Since required data for products must match the revised evaluation methods in the new specification, partners should anticipate filling in new and revised fields as appropriate to the new specifications. Existing Version 4.0 products that are not revised and resubmitted as discussed above will automatically be removed from the list of qualified products upon the effective date of the specification.

EPA appreciates your patience and cooperation as we proceed through this transition. If you have any questions or concerns about this process, please feel free to contact Katharine Kaplan at [kaplan.katharine@epa.gov](mailto:kaplan.katharine@epa.gov) or Evan Haines, ICF International, at [ehaines@icfi.com](mailto:ehaines@icfi.com).

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