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To: *All Computer Stakeholders*

Subject: *Computer Specification Progress Update and Data Collection Sheet for Workstations*

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Dear ENERGY STAR Computer Partners and Other Interested Stakeholders,

In an effort to keep communication open and to help stakeholders remain well informed of EPA's efforts leading up to the Draft 3 Specification, EPA has attached a specification revision progress update. This update contains proposals under consideration for Draft 3 that were created in close collaboration with stakeholders. Within this document you will find a revised desktop differentiation scheme, a newly proposed workstation definition, a revised timeline and other updates.

Also attached to this email, please find a workstation data collection sheet that will allow for the assessment of a means to scale power levels for these products. This data collection effort was discussed at the May 18, 2006, stakeholder meeting, and EPA sees this as an essential step in creating a scalable approach for workstations. EPA and industry have collaborated extensively on this effort and EPA thanks stakeholders for their engagement on this issue and for gathering these data. Please note that this data sheet includes certain benchmark applications and other test procedures. Inclusion of these applications and procedures has been based on extensive discussion with industry, and they have been included to determine the viable approaches for measuring the systems' maximum power consumption.

In order to be considered for the Draft 3 Specification, EPA would appreciate receiving feedback on the proposals enclosed in the update as well as all workstation data prior to June 20th, 2006. Please send all comments and data to Katharine Kaplan Osdoba (osdoba.katharine@epa.gov) or Arthur Howard (ahoward@icfi.com). Please direct all questions specific to the workstation definition and data collection form to Thomas Bolioli at (617) 923-4132 or tbolioli@terranovum.com.

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