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Dear Refrigerated Beverage Vending Machine Manufacturers and Other Interested Parties:

I am pleased to inform you that the ENERGY STAR® Refrigerated Beverage Vending Machine specification has been finalized. Your valuable feedback throughout the development process has been integral to the design of the specification. Please note that EPA considers this specification to be final and has no further plans to revise it at this time. **EPA will continue working with industry stakeholders on developing a refurbished machine program that when finalized, will allow refurbished machines to qualify as ENERGY STAR under the performance requirements provided in this specification.** All stakeholder correspondence and versions of the Draft specification can be viewed on the New Product Specifications in Development Web page at: www.energystar.gov/productdevelopment.

For clarification purposes, minor edits were made to the specification prior to finalizing it:

- **Section 2 – Qualifying Products.** The following statement was added regarding the timing of a refurbished machine program: “The ENERGY STAR Remanufactured Vending Machine specification shall commence on a date to be determined through industry discussions regarding the administration and implementation of this program.”
- **Section 6 – Future Specification Revisions.** The following statement was added regarding the need to review glass front machine performance data to ensure the impact of ENERGY STAR in the marketplace: “Approximately one year after the Tier I effective date, EPA will review glass front machine data to ensure that the Tier I performance level continues to provide differentiation in the marketplace as this product category begins to expand.”
- **Specification/Qualifying Product Information (QPI) form.** All references to Underwriters Laboratory (UL) have been replaced with the appropriate reference to UL Standard 541.

Enclosed you will find a sample Partnership Agreement along with a Commitment Form and Qualifying Product Information (QPI) form. The Agreement includes the partner commitments and technical specification, and explains the requirements of both the manufacturing partner and EPA. **If you would like a customized Partnership Agreement, please contact Rebecca Duff, ICF Consulting, at (202) 862-1266 or rduff@icfconsulting.com.** This Agreement only needs to be signed once; after that, you may expand your participation into other product areas, as appropriate, by submitting an updated Commitment Form. The QPI form should be completed for each refrigerated beverage vending machine model that you wish to qualify and can be sent along with the completed Partnership Agreement and Commitment Form.

To familiarize you with the contents of the Partnership Agreement, the following is a list of partner commitments:

- Comply with the current product Eligibility Criteria (i.e., technical specification)

- Comply with the current ENERGY STAR Identity Guidelines (www.energystar.gov/logos)
- Qualify at least one refrigerated beverage vending machine model as ENERGY STAR within one year of signing the Partnership Agreement
- Provide clear and consistent labeling of ENERGY STAR qualified refrigerated beverage vending machines on the front of the machine or on/next to the machine nameplate, in product literature, and on partner's Web site
- Provide to EPA, on an annual basis, an updated list of ENERGY STAR qualifying refrigerated beverage vending machines
- Provide to EPA, on an annual basis, unit shipment data on qualified refrigerated beverage vending machine models
- Notify EPA of a change in the designated responsible party or contact for refrigerated beverage vending machines within 30 days

EPA will be promoting the ENERGY STAR Refrigerated Beverage Vending Machine specification at the National Automatic Merchandising Association (NAMA) Spring Expo, April 1-2, in Las Vegas, NV. Those manufacturers that sign a Partnership Agreement prior to the show will be listed as participating partners in press releases and fact sheets developed by EPA. Those partners that complete and submit the attached QPI form(s) prior to the show will be able to label and promote their qualified machines as ENERGY STAR. ENERGY STAR representatives will work closely with partners to complete all necessary documentation prior to the NAMA Expo.

To ensure all paperwork is received prior to the NAMA Expo, manufacturers can send the completed Partnership Agreement, Commitment Form, and QPI form(s) to Ms. Duff by fax at (202) 862-1144 or by email at rduff@icfconsulting.com. The original documents should also be sent via US mail or overnight express to the addresses provided on these forms.

On behalf of EPA, I appreciate your participation in the development of this specification and look forward to working with each of you as you qualify and market your energy-efficient vending machines. **Please note that Rachel Schmeltz, EPA Product Manager for Refrigerated Beverage Vending Machines, will be returning to the office in mid-April.** If you have any questions or concerns that need to be addressed in the meantime, please feel free to contact Ms. Duff at (202) 862-1266.

Regards,



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