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Dear ENERGY STAR® Computer Server Partner or Other Interested Stakeholder,

With this letter, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is launching the development of the Version 4.0 ENERGY STAR Computer Server specification. This Discussion Guide highlights an initial list of priority areas for this specification revision, key questions for stakeholders, and next steps in the revision process. EPA looks forward to working with stakeholders to develop the Version 4.0 specification that will recognize efficiency gains in the computer server market. The deadline to provide comments on this Discussion Guide is May 6, 2022.

The Discussion Guide focuses on the following areas:

- Updated and new definitions
- Potential treatment of Storage “heavy” Servers
- Revisions to the SERT tool
- Internal Power Supply Efficiency

Stakeholder suggestions on any other issues to be considered during the specification revision process are welcomed.

Comment Submittal
Stakeholders are encouraged to submit any comments to servers@energystar.gov by May 6, 2022. All comments will be posted to the ENERGY STAR Product Development website unless the submitter requests otherwise.

Stakeholder Webinar
EPA will host a webinar to answer any questions on this discussion guide on April 19 from 1-3 PM Eastern Time. Please register here if you plan on attending.

The exchange of ideas and information between EPA, industry, and other interested parties is critical to the success of ENERGY STAR. Specifications and meeting materials will be distributed via email and posted on the ENERGY STAR website. To track EPA’s progress on this specification, please visit the product development website.

Please contact me at Fogle.Ryan@epa.gov or 202-343-9153 or John Clinger at John.Clinger@icf.com or 215-967-9407 with questions or concerns. For any other computer server related questions, please contact servers@energystar.gov. Thank you for your continued support of the ENERGY STAR program.

Sincerely,

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