

**Project Proposal  
For a New  
NCITS Standard**

**SCSI Parallel Interface - 6**

**(SPI-6)**

**Physical & Protocol Layers**

**July 19, 2001**

**1. Source of the Proposed Project****1.1. Title:** SCSI Parallel Interface - 6 (SPI-6)**1.2. Date Submitted:** July 19, 2001**1.3. Proposer:** T10.**2. Process Description for the Proposed Project****2.1. Project Type:**

D - Development

**2.2. Type of Document:**

Standard

**2.3. Definitions of Concepts and Special Terms:**

None

**2.4. Expected Relationship with Approved Reference Models, Frameworks, Architectures, etc.**

This standard is expected to be used in closed systems.

**2.5. Recommended NCITS Development Technical Committee:**

T10

**2.6. Anticipated Frequency and Duration of Meetings**

Technical Committee T10 meets on a regularly scheduled basis (see [www.t10.org](http://www.t10.org) for the current meeting schedule). Specific task ad hoc groups are called as required between the regular meetings but their results are not binding.

**2.7. Target Date for Initial Public Review (Milestone 4):**

November, 2004

**2.8. Estimated Useful Life of Standard or Technical Report:**

5 Years

**3. Business Case for Developing the Proposed Standard or Technical Report****3.1. Description:**

The SCSI Parallel Interface - 6 (SPI-6), will interoperate with SPI-5 devices and is designed to provide at least a 1 GB/sec data rate. SPI-6 will provide the groundwork for future generations of the SCSI parallel interface. This project must be developed in parallel with the SPI-5 project because it is anticipated that the SPI-6 project will take two years longer to complete. In order for SPI-6 to be ready for its market window, the SPI-6 development work must overlap the SPI-5 development work.

In addition to increasing the data rate beyond SPI-5, the following items may be considered for inclusion in SPI-6:

- 1) new driver/receiver technologies,;
- 2) self-clocking signals;
- 3) multi-level signals;
- 4) other capabilities that may fit within the general application scope of the this project.

**3.2. Existing Practice and the Need for a Standard:**

The proposed project involves a compatible evolution of the present SCSI physical and protocol layers.

**3.3. Implementation Impacts of the Proposed Standard:****3.3.1. Development Costs**

Resources are provided by the members of T10. The members host the required meetings for development, provide for the necessary lab experiments and silicon technology development, and provide the Technical Editor for the project.

**3.3.2. Impact on Existing or Potential Markets**

The nature of the proposed project is to ensure that SCSI has an upward, highly compatible growth path. This ensures that current investments in parallel SCSI are provided with a stable managed migration path in the face of technological developments.

**3.3.3. Costs and Methods for Conformity Assessment**

The committee will consider the results of testing as may be available to the committee through the voluntary efforts of the various participants in T10. With this method all costs are borne by the organizations of the various participants and have for the most part been mainly an adjunct of their normal development costs.

**3.3.4. Return on Investment**

ROI information is considered proprietary data by the member organizations but is judged to be large.

**3.4. Legal Considerations**

**3.4.1. Patent Assertions**

Calls will be made to identify assertions of patent rights in accordance with the relevant NCITS, ANSI, and ISO/IEC policies and procedures.

**3.4.2. Dissemination of the Standard or Technical Report**

Drafts of this document will be disseminated electronically. Dissemination of the final standard will be restricted as the document becomes property of NCITS, ANSI, or ISO/IEC.

**4. Related Standards Activities:**

**4.1. Existing Standards:**

BSR Number	Title	Project
X3.270:1996	SCSI-3 Architecture Model (SAM)	0994-M
NCITS.336:2000	SCSI Parallel Interface - 3 (SPI-3)	1302-D

**4.2. Related Standards Activity:**

BSR Number	Title	Project
	SCSI Parallel Interface - 4 (SPI-4)	1365-D
	SCSI Primary Commands - 2 (SPC-2)	1236-D
	SCSI Architecture Model - 2 (SAM-2)	1157-D
	SCSI Parallel Interface - 5 (SPI-5)	____-D

Corresponding ISO projects:

ISO/IEC Number	Title	Project
14776-411	SCSI-3 Architecture Model (SAM)	1.25.13.11.08
CD 14776-____	SCSI Parallel Interface - 3 (SPI-3)	1.25.13.11.____

**4.3. Recommendations for Coordinating Liaison:**

None.

**4.4. Recommendations for Close Liaison:**

None.