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To: SPI Working Group

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Subject: STA Request for SPI (Fast-40/LVDS) Stabilization

The SCSI Trade Association (STA) met yesterday and passed a motion by a vote of 11-1 to request that the SPI working group submit a document to the X3T10 committee for stabilization at its March meeting. This is in response to customer and vendor requests for a document to use in beginning their designs. Under the rules of stabilization, it is understood that the final standard may change, but that the document is solid enough to support design efforts. Note that the outcome of these design efforts will feedback valuable information to the committee and enable them to finish their work.

The March date was chosen with advice from Bill Ham. It is understood that the focus here is Fast-40/LVDS (Universal) driver. Other items that may be included in SPI should be separated if the working group feels reaching stabilization on them would compromise the March target.

Note that March allows vendors to develop products for late CY1996 introduction. At a minimum we wanted to support full scale technology demonstrations at Fall Comdex. Working backwards from that date, March was felt to be both the earliest date for the working group and the latest for the STA.