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**NEWS RELEASE**

**X3 ANNOUNCES THE APPROVAL OF A NEW PROJECT FOR  
SCSI-3 COMMAND SET**

Washington, DC -- Accredited Standards Committee X3, Information Processing Systems announces the approval of a new project on SCSI-3 Command Set. This draft standard is being developed in Task Group X3T9.2 of Technical Committee X3T9 - I/O Interface.

This project is one of a family of four SCSI-3 projects. The benefit of this structure is that the command sets are independent of the physical interface. This will facilitate using the SCSI command sets on emerging interfaces such as Fiber Channel.

The SCSI-3 Command Set should maintain a high degree of compatibility with SCSI-2 while providing extensions and enhancements to support new features and new devices. Candidates for inclusion in the SCSI-3 Command Set are:

- Support more than 8 directly addressable devices
- Clarification and maintenance of the SCSI standard that may result from further results of implementation of SCSI-2
- Define other capabilities which fit within the general application scope of enhancing the SCSI-3 Command Set.

It is not intended that the standard developed by this project would address areas below the command sets such as the protocol or physical interface. It is intended that the standard would be used in conjunction with the other applicable SCSI-3 standards.

The next meeting of X3T9 will be held from August 19-23, 1991, in Boulder, Colorado. Any individuals or organizations with an interest are invited to participate. For further information, please contact the chairman of X3T9 or X3T9.2.

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