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**NEWS RELEASE**

**X3 ANNOUNCES THE APPROVAL OF A NEW PROJECT FOR  
SCSI-3 PARALLEL INTERFACE (SPI)**

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

The SCSI-3 Parallel Interface should maintain a high degree of compatibility with SCSI-2 while providing documentation for new capabilities including the following candidates:

- An option to permit 16-bit data transfers on a single cable
- Expanded bus connectivity options to increase the maximum number of SCSI devices on a cable from 8 to 16 or more
- Maintenance of the SCSI physical level standard that may result from further implementation of the SCSI standard
- Other capabilities which fit within the general application scope of the SCSI physical level that may be proposed during the development phase by the participants in the project.

It is not intended that the standard developed by this project would address areas above the physical level. It is intended that the standard could be used in conjunction with the command sets defined in SCSI-2 and/or subsequent versions of SCSI.

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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