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X3, INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEMS***

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The X3T9 and X3T9.2 Committees have reviewed the IEEE 1231 (Disk Attach) PAR as it relates to the current X3T9 charter and believes that the proposed project should be developed in X3T9. This decision was based on the following:

1. X3T9's charter includes the development of Disk I/O interfaces.
2. X3T9 has published six (6) DiskI/O interface Standards and have five (5) under development. Overall, X3T9 has published or has under development 51 I/O interface projects.
3. X3T9 has a wide range of participants that include disk manufacturers, systems integrators and connector/conductor manufacturers. The skill and expertise to design a disk interface which capitalizes on the emerging technology for memory card devices is critical and exists in X3T9.2. By integrating such technology with small form factor disk drive, Standards will advance innovation.
4. X3T9.2 has approximately 307 members, alternates and observers. These include members from all major disk drive manufacturers and systems integrators. This broad base of representation from all areas of the storage industry ensures that disk interfaces developed by X3T9 are in tune with developments occurring country-wide.
5. X3T9 meets every two months with working group meetings as required. These meetings are held in all parts of the country, thus, offering a broad opportunity for participation in all sections of the country.

In conclusion, X3T9 believes that this project should be assigned to the committee that has the most capability, expertise and desire to develop a standard that will be of maximum value to the industry and user communities. X3T9 believes that it has the membership, experience, organization and desire to accomplish the task.

Regards,

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