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Subject: Letter ballot comments

I commend the SAM, SBP, FCP, and GPP document editors on very good draft documents. However, the documents are not yet ready to forward for public review. I feel that it is unfortunate that the committee succumbed to market pressures to issue premature letter ballots on these documents.

I offer the following 6 comments on SAM, with #4 being my reason for voting no. Since SAM is not ready for forwarding yet, I feel compelled to vote no on SBP, FCP, and GPP; it is not appropriate to forward any protocol documents until all the serious issues in SAM are resolved.

1.   The figure just after "1 Scope" should be numbered.

2.   The reference to SCSI-2 in the second to last paragraph of the Scope Clause should be "X3.131-199x.

3.   The Scope should include a statement that additional SCSI-3 documents may be added to the architecture without SAM necessarily being updated to reflect the addition.

4.   All TBD's must be removed (that is, completed) before a document goes to public review.

5.   In 3.1.1, either restate this definition to eliminate the term "ACA attribute" or define "ACA attribute" in the glossary.

6.   In 3.5, Notation for Procedures and Functions, the usage of () and [] differ from their usage in 3.4.1, Object Notation. Readers could become confused. I suggest aligning these two notations by always using [] for optional items and always using () for item lists.