

Doc No.:	X3/91-1511-X,S
Date:	July 8, 1991
Proj. No.:	856-D
Ref. Doc.:	X3/91-1192-X,S
Reply To:	See Below

NEWS RELEASE

**X3 ANNOUNCES THE APPROVAL OF A NEW PROJECT FOR
SCSI-3 INTERLOCKED PROTOCOL**

Washington, DC -- Accredited Standards Committee X3, Information Processing Systems announces the approval of a new project on SCSI-3 Interlocked Protocol. 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 these standards can proceed independently, permitting the different standards to advance as the technology advances.

The SCSI-3 Interlocked Protocol should maintain a high degree of compatibility with SCSI-2 while providing the protocol to support the new capabilities defined by the SCSI-3 Parallel Interface, as well as adding functional features such as:

- Support more than 8 directly addressable devices
- Define a method for dual port operations
- Define other capabilities which fit within the general application scope of enhancing the SCSI-2 protocol, and other capabilities 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 protocol such as command sets. It is intended that the standard be used in conjunction with the command sets defined in SCSI-2 and /or SCSI-3 Command Set.

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.

Mr. Delbert Shoemaker
X3T9 Chairman
Digital Equipment Corp.
1331 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Suite 600
Washington, DC 20004
(202)383-5622

Mr. John Lohmeyer
X3T9.2 Chairman
NCR Corporation
M/S 07
3718 North Rock Rd.
Wichita, KS 67226
(316)636-8703

* * *