

## **Accredited Standards Committee X3, Information Technology\***

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TO: X3T13 Technical Committee Potential Participants

SJ: X3T13 Invitation to Directly Participate in the Development of ATA and ATAPI Related Standards

X3T13 was formed January 23, 1996 to develop and maintain standards relating to the ATA and ATAPI family of interfaces. X3T13's scope includes all of the interface standards projects relating to the connection model described as AT Attachment. At the moment these include ATA, ATA-2, ATA-3, ATAPI, and ATA / ATAPI - 4.

As of this date the membership of X3T13 comprises representatives from the following organizations: Adaptec, Inc; Apple Computer; Cirrus Logic Inc.; Consultant; Digital; ENDL; Fujitsu Computer Products; GSI; Hewlett Packard Co.; Hitachi America Ltd; IBM Corp.; IIX Consulting; Maxtor Corp.; Micro House Int.; Oak Technology; Philips KMG; Phoenix Technologies; Q Logic; Quantum Corp.; Sanyo Electric Co Ltd; Seagate Technology; Silicon Systems; SyQuest Technology Corp; Toshiba America Info.; Western Digital Corp.; and Yamaha.

While the above organizations attempt to account for your interests in the development and maintenance of the standards this is certainly not a substitute for your direct participation. Examples of items that you may have or will want to express a position on include: utilization of option pins in 2.5 inch applications; accommodation of greater than 2 Gbyte and greater than 8 Gbyte capacities; obsolescence of certain ATA functions; removable media feature sets; command sets which apply to ATAPI but do not fit the SCSI command set projects; and other items that you may be aware of that perhaps our membership is not aware of. We invite both your participation and specific proposals.

Individuals from organizations with a material interest and expertise (self proclaimed - no tests are given) in the AT Attachment connection model are eligible to become members of X3T13 at the second plenary meeting they have attended out of three successive X3T13 plenary meetings. There can be only one principal member from an organization. The meetings however, are open to all attendees practicing proper decorum. Regular attendance at plenary meetings, responding to letter ballots, and paying nominal fees invoiced by X3 are required to maintain membership.

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At the moment X3T13 holds plenary meetings quarterly during the months of January, April, July, and October. In addition working group meetings are presently held monthly. Our next meeting is April 24 - 26, 1996 at the Holiday Inn, in Milpitas, CA.

In additon to the regular X3T13 mailing, X3T13 meeting notices are posted on the ATA reflector (Internet address for subscription to the ATA reflector: majordomo@dt.wdc.com Send email to above account and include in BODY of text, on a line by itself the following: "subscribe ata [your email address]" with the Internet address for distribution via ATA reflector: ata@dt.wdc.com) and the X3T13 ftp site (fission.dt.wdc.com /pub/standards/X3T13).

Regards,

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