Dated Notice: Response Requested by December 15, 2004

Dear ANSI Accredited Standards Developer and Interested Parties:

On September 28-30th of this year, the ANSI-Nanotechnology Standards Panel (ANSI-NSP) met to discuss the coordination and development of American National Standards relating to Nanotechnology[1].   The purpose of the ANSI-NSP is to serve as the cross-sector coordinating body for standards in the area of nanotechnology and to provide the framework within which stakeholders can work cooperatively to promote, accelerate and coordinate the timely development of useful voluntary consensus standards.

While the initial focus of the ANSI-NSP Panel was nomenclature and terminology, the Panel also discussed those areas of Nanotechnology that were considered most "in need" of standardization. A copy of the priority recommendations as identified by the ANSI-NSP is attached as ANSI-NSP SC 027-2004.

In order for the ANSI-NSP to accomplish it's objective, your organization's involvement and response is requested. As a standards developer, the ANSI-NSP asks that your organization consider participating in the development and coordination of American National Standards in the area of Nanotechnology. If your organization is interested in participating in this initiative, please advise me of your interest by December 15, 2004.

The next ANSI-NSP Steering Committee Meeting will be on **January 19, 2005.** At that meeting, those standards developers interested in participating in the development and coordination of American National Standards relating to Nanotechnology will be asked to give presentations to the Steering Committee regarding their relevant activities.

Please respond by December 15, 2004 to the following:

1. Is your organization involved presently in the development of standards related to nanotechnology? If so, please identify the areas and provide a status of the activity (ies). Please be specific as possible.
2. Is your organization planning to develop standards in one or more of the high priority areas identified by the ANSI-NSP? If yes, identify the areas and confirm your organization's ability to begin work within the timeframe noted, i.e. 0-1 year. If no, please explain.

By way of background, please find attached:

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[1] Detailed information about the ANSI-NSP is available at www.ansi.org/nsp, including its charter, membership and deliverables resulting from its inaugural meeting at NIST in September 2004.

1. ANSI-NSP Priority Recommendations Related to Nanotechnology Standardization Needs.
2. Executive Summary of the ANSI-NSP September 2004 Meetings;
3. Presentations and reports developed by ANSI-NSP members as a result of the September meeting discussions.

Please direct any questions that you may have to me, Heather Benko, at (hbenko@ansi.org) and please submit your responses to me by December 15, 2004.

Thank you for your help on this very important initiative.

Regards,

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