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Dear Ms. Barra:

I am delighted to formally submit a project proposal to accept the latest revision of the Storage Networking Industry Association's Storage Management Initiative Specification (SMI-S) to INCITS for consideration under the Fast Track Program.

Thanks to the support of INCITS, SMI-S 1.0 was approved as ANSI INCITS 2004-388, and is currently a candidate for ISO certification. The new specification, SMI-S version 1.1.0, expands on that initial work in several important ways:

1. It expands the scope of SMI-S to include a broader set of storage system technologies and components;
2. It updates the specification to work in conjunction with the latest revision of the evolving DMTF Common Information Model (CIM) standard.
3. It incorporates clarification, corrections and enhancements to the core SMI functionality that were developed over the past eighteen months and validated as part of the SNIA's Conformance Test Program (CTP).

We believe the specification is ready to undergo the required steps in Milestone 5 (announcement of a public review period in ANSI Standards Action, call for patents, press release, and INCITS ballot) under the Fast Track program as provided for in the approved MOU.

We plan to immediately submit the following items once the proposal is approved by INCITS

1. SNIA SMI-S V1.1.0 Specification in Adobe PDF format
2. SNIA SMI-S V1.1.0 Specification original source in FrameMaker Version 7 format.

The specification has undergone a comprehensive development and review cycle prior to this submission, including a 60 day member review, 60 day public review, and a 60 day call for patents by the SNIA membership. It has received the SNIA required two thirds majority vote and the SNIA Board of Directors approval and recommendation to be submitted to INCITS.

As the storage industry continues to expand and mature, there is an increasing demand for management standards that are recognized at both a national and international level. It is our hope that SMI-S v1.1.0 will be one of a series of SNIA specification revisions that will be certified,

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first by ANSI and subsequently by ISO, to meet that need and keep pace with the storage industry.

We now eagerly await your response.

Very best regards,

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