# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
### WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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Dear ENERGY STAR Monitor Partner or Interested Stakeholder:

In October 2007, the United State's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced its intention to revise the ENERGY STAR version 4.1 computer monitor program requirements. A webinar was held on November 27, 2007 to initiate the specification revision process. All materials related to EPA's announcement and the November webinar can be accessed on EPA's ENERGY STAR product development website (http://energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=revisions.revisions_specs).

To assist EPA in determining revised computer monitor performance levels, EPA invites manufacturers to submit product information on **non-qualified computer monitor models**, **professional display models**, and **digital photo frame models** using the data template attached with this letter. Assembling a robust dataset that includes ENERGY STAR-qualified and non-qualified models as well as a range of product screen sizes will ensure that revised performance levels are set at appropriate levels and are applicable to a variety of display products featured in the market.

Manufacturers that are interested in conducting product testing should use the test procedure guidelines specified in the ENERGY STAR Computer Monitor Program Requirements version 4.1 (attached). To explore luminance procedures and settings, EPA encourages manufacturers to provide supplemental on mode power consumption data using three additional scenarios (minimum luminance, factory default luminance, and maximum luminance setting) for a sub-sample of product models tested.

To allow sufficient time for testing, manufacturers will have until **February 29, 2008** to submit data to EPA for consideration in the development of the Draft 1 Version 5.0 specification. Test data should be sent to Mehernaz Polad, ICF Consulting, mpolad@icfi.com. EPA intends to release a draft specification by **March 28, 2008**.

EPA would like to remind ENERGY STAR computer monitor partners to update their qualified product lists at www.energystar.gov as frequently as possible to ensure lists remain current. Manufacturers are requested to review those models they currently have listed as qualified through the Online Product Submittal tool, available at www.energystar.gov/ops, and (1) remove those products that are no longer being

manufactured and (2) add new models that are qualified but not yet listed. The latter ensures that consumers receive complete information on qualified models when searching on the ENERGY STAR Web site, and lists are complete when EPA conducts its annual Retail Store Level assessment – an in-store check to determine products are being correctly identified as ENERGY STAR qualified.

I look forward to working with you in revising the ENERGY STAR computer monitor specification such that it recognizes leadership products when it comes to energy efficiency.  Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions or concerns at (202) 343-9046 or via e-mail at kent.christopher@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:
       Monitor template final. xls
       Monitor Spec final.pdf