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Dear ENERGY STAR® Computers Partner or Other Interested Stakeholder,

With this letter, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking your input as part of the early stages of a revision of the ENERGY STAR Computers specification to address desktop computer and workstation efficiency. This [Discussion Guide](#) highlights an initial list of priority areas for this specification revision, key questions for stakeholders, schedule for the Version 8.0 revision, and next steps in the revision process. EPA looks forward to working with stakeholders to develop the Version 8.0 specification that will recognize efficiency gains in the computer market.

As most are aware, the focus of the Version 7.0 revision, which was completed this past year, was notebook efficiency. The following are EPA's priorities for the Version 8.0 revision:

- Revise the energy requirements for desktop computers and workstations, including soliciting stakeholder feedback on the methodology used to determine the energy requirements.
- Revise the mode weightings to account for changes in computer usage since the last revision to these weightings and assess the needs around more functional power management incentives.
- Amend the internal power supply efficiency requirements.
- Consider changes to the testing of notebook computers and how to translate the current levels to incorporate the new testing requirements.
- Consider scope amendments for multiscreen notebooks and mobile phones that can convert into a tablet.

Stakeholder suggestions on any other issues to be considered during the Version 8.0 specification revision process are welcomed, in particular on those topics raised in the Discussion Guide. EPA also encourages stakeholders to provide any remaining data points on non-certified products as part of the comments via data template, which was originally distributed in May 2018. The data collected will be used for determining criteria levels in Draft 1.

EPA will host a webinar to answer any questions on this Discussion Guide on January 14, 2019 from 1-3 PM Eastern Time. Please register [here](#) if you plan on attending. Stakeholders are encouraged to provide written comments via email to [computers@energystar.gov](mailto:computers@energystar.gov) no later than January 25, 2019. Specifications and meeting materials will be distributed via email and posted on the ENERGY STAR website, unless directed otherwise. To track EPA's progress on this specification, please visit the [product development website](#).

Please contact me at [Fogle.Ryan@epa.gov](mailto:Fogle.Ryan@epa.gov) or 202-343-9153 or John Clinger, ICF, at [John.Clinger@icf.com](mailto:John.Clinger@icf.com) or (215) 967-9407 with questions or concerns regarding the specification. For any test method questions, please contact Jeremy Domm, U.S. Department of Energy, [Jeremy.Domm@EE.Doe.Gov](mailto:Jeremy.Domm@EE.Doe.Gov), or 202-586-9870. For any other Computer related questions, please contact [computers@energystar.gov](mailto:computers@energystar.gov). Thank you for your continued support of the ENERGY STAR program.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

[Version 8.0 Discussion Guide](#)

[Version 8.0 Dataset Template](#)