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On behalf of this IEEE 802.3 ad hoc, I would like to inform the reader that a new activity has been started under the IEEE Industry Connections Program titled "IEEE 802.3 Industry Connections Ethernet Bandwidth Assessment Ad Hoc".

The group's web site is: http://www.ieee802.org/3/ad hoc/bwa/index.html and a general overview can be found in:

http://www.ieee802.org/3/ad hoc/bwa/public/feb11/dambrosia 01a 0211.pdf

The scope of this IEEE Industry Connections activity will focus on gathering information throughout 2011 that will enable an evaluation of the future bandwidth needs for Ethernet wireline applications, including, but not limited to, core networking and computing. This evaluation will then enable the generation of material that can be used for future reference by an appropriate related standards activity. It should be noted that the role of this ad hoc is to gather information, not make recommendations or initiate a new project within the IEEE.

The Ad Hoc will operate using both face-to-face and teleconference meetings, at which the Ad Hoc encourages individuals with relevant information to participate and provide input. Any data regarding prior or future data throughput trends that you may be able to share with us would be gratefully received.

We look forward to future submissions from the industry at large. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me at idambrosia@ieee.org.

Sincerely,

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