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PoE Certification Program

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Dear Mr. Law,

Last year, the Ethernet Alliance had informed the IEEE 802.3 Ethernet Working Group that our membership had approved the formation of a Power-over-Ethernet (PoE) Certification Program. We are happy to inform you that this week the Ethernet Alliance publicly announced the launch of the PoE Certification Program, which will officially start in August of this year. The press release may be found at <http://bit.ly/EAPoECertificationProgram>. Additional information may be found at <http://www.ethernetalliance.org/poecert>.

The introduction of the Ethernet Alliance PoE Certification Logo will enable swift and easy recognition of interoperable products designed to the IEEE 802.3af and IEEE 802.3at PoE standards. We believe this program will elevate the user experience by minimizing market confusion between IEEE 802.3 Ethernet standards-based and proprietary PoE solutions, which will help the industry minimize vendor interoperability issues.

The second generation of this program will address the future IEEE 802.3bt 4 Pair PoE standard. To that end, the Ethernet Alliance would like to request a copy of the latest draft of the IEEE P802.3bt draft.



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We appreciate your communications, and look forward to continuing our work together.

Regards,



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Chairman, Ethernet Alliance