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Subject: Draft update

The IEEE 802.3 Working Group has requested forwarding IEEE P802.3an Draft 3.0 to Sponsor ballot. We would like to thank ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 25/WG 3 for their assistance in providing guidelines in TR 24750 for existing Class E and F cabling, and in ISO/IEC 11801 Ed. 2.1 (new standard for Class E_A and F_A cabling).

As the IEEE P802.3an prepares to enter Sponsor ballot, the IEEE 802.3 Working Group would like to provide the following guidance on IEEE P802.3an referencing draft standards:

“You are allowed to reference draft standards, but there some rules pertaining to this that should keep mind. When you reference a draft standard, you must mention the specific draft version (usually by its number and date) and a copy of that draft has to be sent to the IEEE for the Standards Department to maintain in its project files. The reason for this is that all references have to be readily available and retrievable, and a draft standard can be superseded by a later version or may not be readily distributed. Note that if the draft standard is not an IEEE draft standard, permission to reproduce would also have to be received (just like any other permissions release) or access to it would have to exist.”

The information can found at the following URL:

<http://standards.ieee.org/guides/companion/part1.html>

While it is permitted to reference draft standards, it is the preference of IEEE 802.3 to reference finished standards. If you have any questions concerning these policies, please feel free to contact Bob Grow or Brad Booth.

Sincerely,

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