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Subject: Request for Comments on a Proposed Federal Information Processing Standard
on Subsets of the Code for Information Processing

To: Federal Departments and Independent Offices

Attached are a draft FIPS PUB and specifications for three graphic subsets which have been prepared by FIPS Task Group 3 (Subsets, Sign Conventions and Packing Techniques) and by the NBS Office of Information Processing Standards. These are forwarded for your review and comment prior to their being recommended to the Bureau of the Budget for adoption as Federal Information Processing Standards.

If you find that you cannot concur with these proposals, please indicate what specific changes are considered necessary to satisfy your requirements. Also, please indicate to what extent the proposal is applicable to the data systems within your organization and provide a statement as to the implementation impact and potential benefits to be derived from the use of this proposed standard. Also please identify those applications in your organization which are not satisfied by the provisions of this proposal and indicate what subsets are necessary in these instances. Any problems which you may foresee in the implementation of this proposed standard should be described. Further, please indicate the number of copies of the standard needed by your organization when these are published and made available for distribution. (These will be distributed on a sales basis by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office.)

It is planned that the present policy of using arbitrarily selected subsets in lieu of the full standard code set be replaced by a policy of using discrete subsets, each fully implemented. The purposes of the proposed change are (1) to enhance the interchange of information among systems employing graphic subsets and (2) to facilitate the reassignment of equipment contained in the Federal inventory which utilizes subsets of the standard code.

Please return your comments as soon as possible but not later than two months from the date of this letter.

If you have questions or wish to arrange a meeting on the subject, please contact Mr. J. L. Little, Center for Computer Sciences and Technology, National Bureau of Standards, telephone IDS code 164, extension 3545.

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Attachments