Subject: Call for Additional Members (and Level of Financial Commitment) of the INCITS Steering Committee for JTC 1/SC 32 – Data Management and Interchange for FY 2021 - Responses Due August 13, 2020

Due Date: August 13, 2020

Action: Organizations responding to this call for additional members and level of financial commitment of the INCITS Steering Committee for JTC 1/SC 32 are requested to notify the INCITS Secretariat (jgarner@itic.org) by the due date indicated above.

Background

The INCITS Executive Board has agreed that funding for the JTC 1/SC 32 Secretariat will be provided via the SC 32 Steering Committee.

The following organizations agreed to provide FY 2020 funding for the JTC 1/SC 32 Secretariat via the INCITS Steering Committee for JTC 1/SC 32:

- Actian
- IBM
- Neo4j
- Oracle
- US Department of Commerce - NIST

JTC 1/SC 32 Scope

Standards for data management within and among local and distributed information systems environments. SC 32 provides enabling technologies to promote harmonization of data management facilities across sector-specific areas. Specifically, SC 32 standards include:

- reference models and frameworks for the coordination of existing and emerging standards;
- definition of data domains, data types, and data structures, and their associated semantics;
languages, services, and protocols for persistent storage, concurrent access, concurrent update, and interchange of data;
methods, languages, services, and protocols to structure, organize, and register metadata and other information resources associated with sharing and interoperability, including electronic commerce.

At the June 2020 JTC 1 Plenary, JTC 1 assigned the recently approved work items NP 5207, Data usage – terminology and use cases, and NP 5212, Data usage – Guidance for data usage, to JTC 1/SC 32 for development. JTC 1 noted that the work would best be progressed in a new JTC 1/SC 32 Working Group and encouraged JTC 1/SC 32 to establish such a Working Group as soon as possible.

JTC 1/SC 32 Structure

SC 32 – Data Management and Interchange (US Chair: Jim Melton)
SC 32/WG 1 – eBusiness
SC 32/WG 2 – MetaData (US Convenor: Denise Warzel – National Cancer Institute)
SC 32/WG 3 – Database Language (US Convenor: Keith Hare – JCC Consulting)
SC 32/WG 6 – Data Usage (subject to establishment at August 2020 SC 32 closing Plenary)

Requested Action - Responses Due by August 13, 2020

This call is issued to (1) seek additional organizations to serve on the INCITS Steering Committee for JTC 1/SC 32 and (2) request that new Steering Committee members indicate their level of financial commitment to provide financial support to fund the US Secretariat for JTC 1/SC 32 – Data Management and Interchange. The amount required from each member of the Steering Committee will vary based on the final number of members, the agreement among the members for allocation of funding and the cost for services for FY 2021 in the amount of $65,000.

The amounts paid in FY 2020 based on expenses of $65,000 were as follows:

- Oracle: $27,700
- IBM: $21,450
- Actian: $5,850
- Neo4j: $5,000
- US Department of Commerce – NIST $5,000

INCITS rules for Steering Committees permit for a flexible allocation of funding:

The members of the International Structure TAG Steering Committee can resolve to allocate the fee responsibility disproportionately amongst themselves, provided that the total amount paid by such members is at least equal to the annual Secretariat costs.

Sections 4.3 through 4.3.2 of the INCITS Organization, Policies and Procedures detail the role, rights and responsibilities of Steering Committees and their members.

Members of the Steering Committee agree to provide a good faith commitment to give a one-year notice before discontinuing their funding for the SC 32 Secretariat.

Organizations responding to this call for additional members of the INCITS Steering Committee for JTC 1/SC 32 are requested to notify the INCITS Secretariat (jgarner@itic.org) by August 13, 2020 and to indicate their level of financial support.