

A PROPOSAL FOR DISCUSSION AT THE 2009 AMUG AND HPIC MEETINGS

It seems to be quite evident that the separate AMUG and HPIC meetings will never merge and consolidate into one common meeting. The reasons are numerous; some seem reasonable to some, and yet unreasonable to others. So let us just concur that the meetings will not merge and not pursue the same.

None the less, in this day of tight travel budgets and restrictions on the number of trips one can take within one fiscal year, one can indeed imagine somewhat of a compromise, if you will:

- The AMUG meeting could take place on a Monday and Tuesday of some week. Sunday would be the travel day in for most participants; those participating in ANSI Standard committees could still arrive earlier and again utilize this preceding weekend for those purposes.**
- Wednesday would be Vendor Day.**
- The HPIC meeting would then commence on Thursday and Friday of the week at the same meeting place as the AMUG.**
- An AMUG only participant would travel in on Sunday and out on Thursday. A HPIC only participant would travel in on Tuesday and out on Saturday. A dual AMUG-HPIC participant would travel in on Sunday and out on Saturday.**
- (More) Vendors would give their (now sole) attention to Wednesday as an important event to participate in. There would probably also be more participants as well, and hence a more diverse level of interaction and exchange of information.**

Our management is only approving (and remembering!) one trip request! Travel costs (ultimately paid by your tax dollars) would be minimized.

This would only require the leadership of AMUG and HPIC to coordinate the meetings. Each would be separate and distinct; neither is merged or consolidated.

We, the undersigned, believe that this proposal represents a Win-Win solution.

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