

## **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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