

Subject: ENERGY STAR Servers: SERT Beta-2 Announcement

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Dear ENERGY STAR® Computer Servers Manufacturer and Other Interested Party:

EPA is seeking testers for the SPEC Server Efficiency Rating Tool (SERT) Beta-2 which will be required for measurement and reporting in the Version 2.0 Computer Servers specification.

Improvements from Beta-1 of SERT include a refined workload that provides more consistent results, better hardware and software identification, and an enhanced graphical user interface to simplify running tests and reporting results. SERT Beta-2 testing is open to anyone who has a SPEC-accepted power analyzer and temperature sensor, signs a beta license, and commits to providing feedback.

Although based on the extensive experience from ongoing development of SPECpower_ssj2008, SERT is not a comparative benchmark and does not provide a composite power/performance score. Instead, it produces detailed information about the influence of CPU, memory and storage I/O configurations on the power efficiency of servers. Wide adoption of the SERT will reduce testing burdens on the server industry and enable more meaningful and consistent comparisons among products sold in different regions of the world.

The ENERGY STAR Version 2.0 Computer Servers specification is expected to be completed in fall 2012 and will go into effect in mid-2013. To obtain the ENERGY STAR label, a server must satisfy a set of criteria, one of which will be to submit the results measured by the SERT.

Visit www.spec.org/sert/ for more information and to sign up for the SERT Beta-2 program.

If you have any questions, please contact Robert Meyers, EPA, at Meyers.Robert@epa.gov or (202) 343-9923; or John Clinger, ICF International, at John.Clinger@icfi.com or (202) 572-9432.

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