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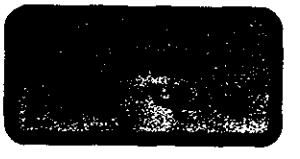
The Corporate Standards Department is the corporate service department responsible for coordinating the corporation's engineering and related activities on materials, processes and standards. They provide service to all locations on request. Their objective is to:

- Maintain a uniform drawing and material specification system throughout the corporation
- Develop reliable minimum requirement specifications
- Promote the use of proven materials through standards
- Minimize duplication of effort

The Corporate Standards Department administers a database comprised of 11,000 material specifications covering 22,000 varieties of materials, 600 corporate process specifications, and 14 associated manuals and indexes. In 1985, they processed approximately 3400 Business Unit requested transactions for new and revised specifications and documentary material involving 81 domestic manufacturing locations, apparatus repair shops, and licensees. Headquarters Purchasing estimates that their ability to use this standard system for negotiation of corporate contracts contributed to a corporate savings of $2,923,000 in 1985.

In 1987, the PDS/M card paper database will be available as an electronic database terminally accessible and searchable at the operating locations thus improving productivity and reducing paperwork.

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In accordance with the corporate policy of emphasizing authority and responsibil at the Business Unit level. Corporate Headquarters will fund only 20% of the 19 Corporate Standards budget. The remaining 80% will be directly absorbed by the Business Units and will not be included in the Corporate B expense funds. The Business Unit portion is expected to increase to 100% in 1988.

Attachment 2 shows the cost transfers which must be made to Corporate Standards by your Business Unit to continue these services. These costs cover the 1987 normal operating expenses. It is estimated that if any Business Unit uses 10-20% of the system, the cost to provide the equivalent service to themselves would be $70,000 or $140,000 or 1 to 2 man years.

If you wish to continue to receive this service in 1987, please advise Fred Weingruber, Corporate Standards (WIN 236-2460) by September 16, 1986, of the control, budget and primary numbers that should be charged for this service.

If you do not wish to participate, please advise so that we may plan accordingly. Should your Business Unit elect not to participate, requests for service cannot be honored. If a significant number of Business Units elect not to participate, the maintenance of the above documents will be severely curtailed.

G. F. Mechlin, Vice President
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Attachments: 2

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