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Subject: PWG-ANNOUNCE> Letter of Assurance for Patent Essential to IPP MailTo received from Ricoh

The PWG has received a Letter of Assurance from Ricoh Company, Ltd. which states that US Patent 6889263 is essential to the IPP MailTo delivery method of event notification. Please see <ftp://ftp.pwg.org/pub/pwg/general/loa/ipp/20050721174635246.pdf> for further details including the patent holders position on licensing.

Because of the legal nature of patents, I will include a reminder that standard IEEE policy regarding communications about patents includes the following:

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5. We do not remain silent, rather, we formally object if inappropriate topics are discussed.

There may be discussion about the direct effect this LOA may have on the IPP MailTo working draft and its status progressing toward PWG Candidate Standard. Please use the IPP@PWG.ORG mail list for any such discussion (not PWG-ANNOUNCE).

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