

To: GISB Executive Committee

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Subject: Comments on Future Technology Task Force Recommendation

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The Commenters agree that, at the appropriate time, the JDK level should be upgraded to version 1.2.X. However, we disagree with the timing proposed by the Future Technology Task Force (FTTF) on their October 29, 1999 conference call.

The Commenters request that the GISB standards require all industry participants to utilize software upgraded to JDK version 1.2.X within six months after each participant's chosen software has been upgraded and released incorporating that JDK version. The Commenters software provider has informed them that a new release containing JDK version 1.2.X may not be released before the end of the third quarter and possibly not until sometime in the fourth quarter of 2000.

The Commenters cannot support a specific date for JDK level 1.2.X implementation that is prior to the release of the software from their software provider. Additionally, the Commenters must have sufficient time to prepare the upgrade and adequately test all affected screens and programs.