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QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

Question 1. “In Section 2.2.2.2, Outsourced Scanning, in the System Requirements document, there is mention made of an ongoing need to import images created by external scanning vendors. Will these images be created to import directly into EDIS II (that is, will the specifications for outside vendors be updated to meet the requirements of the new system) or will there be a need for a conversion tool on an ongoing basis? Even if the vendor specifications are updated, will there be a need for an import tool?”

Response 1. External scanning vendors will create images to import directly into EDIS-II. There is no perceived need for an import tool.

Question 2. “It is not clear, in Section 2.2.7, Backfile Conversion, whether the images, currently stored as single-page TIFFs in Excalibur, should be converted and maintained as multi-page TIFFs in EDIS II and then converted and maintained as PDFs with OCR. Is the desired end-state PDF with OCR? Is there a need to maintain the files created in the in-between stages?”

Response 2. The USITC does not wish to specify how the backfile conversion should take place. The desired end-state for all documents in EDIS-II is PDF with OCR. There is no need to maintain files in the in-between stages.

Question 3. “Also in Section 2.2.7, there is a reference to an accuracy standard of 99.5%. Does this refer to the accuracy of the image conversion (i.e., that all of the images are correctly converted and linked to the appropriate metadata information) or to the accuracy of the OCR process?”

Response 3. Please see the Response to Question 1 of the Questions and Responses made on 10/10/01 (Questions and Responses # 6) and posted on the USITC Solicitations InfoCenter web site.