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TO: RPTA Technical Mailing Distribution List
DATE: December 30, 2008
SUBJECT: **Physical Properties Study**
FIRST Quarter: January – February - March

It's hard to believe, but its time to start thinking about the Industry Profile Survey. Registration for participation should be sent in to the RPTA office by January 30, 2009.

The 2009 Industry Profile Survey will be conducted in the FIRST quarter of 2009. The survey for 2009 will cover the following grades:

- Clay Coated: 16, 20, 24 and 28 point
- Bending Chip: 16, 20, 24 and 28 point
- High-Strength Tube and Core: 20, 25 and 30 point
- Low Density: 30 and 40 point
- Gypsum Drywall Liner: Cream Face and Gray Back

RPTA has sponsored the Industry Profile Survey annually for many years. The purpose of the study is to allow for an industry-wide comparison of production quality using the same testing service for all samples. Each participant can rank their products' qualities within the industry. The study also detects industry-wide trends by comparing average results for a specific grade over many years.

Member companies submit production samples to the RPTA office, where the samples are coded for confidential identification and sent to independent testing labs for physical and optical testing. The results are compiled in one large report with all sample identification done by code. Each mill that submits samples is given their own sample code, but the identity of all other samples is unknown to them.

Use the Registration Form on the next page to register for the 2009 study. Page three lists the sample requirements and the last page is the form to be submitted with the board samples.

The 2008 report is complete and has been sent out electronically. If you did not receive a copy and would like one, please contact the RPTA office.

Attachments: Registration Form – Due January 30, 2009
Sample Requirements
Sample Submission Form (To accompany samples)