DSS, INC. Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

Policy With Regard to

Consideration of Candidates Recommended for Election to the Board of Directors

DSS, Inc. ("DSS" or "the Company") Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee ("the Committee") shall consider candidates for election to DSS's Board of Directors, whether recommended by existing directors, management, security holders or otherwise, in accordance with the following criteria:

General Criteria:

- 1. Nominees shall have a reputation for integrity, honesty and adherence to high ethical standards.
- 2. Nominees should have demonstrated business acumen, experience and the ability to exercise sound judgment in matters that relate to current and long-term objectives of the Company and should be willing and able to contribute positively to DSS's decision- making process.
- 3. Nominees should have a commitment to understand the Company and its industries and to regularly attend and participate in meetings of the Board and its committees.
- 4. Nominees should have the interest and ability to understand the sometimes conflicting interests of the various constituencies of the Company, which include stockholders, employees, customers, governmental units, creditors and the general public, and to act in the interests of all stockholders.
- 5. Nominees should not have, nor appear to have, a conflict of interest that would impair the nominees' ability to represent the interests of all the Company's stockholders and to fulfill the responsibilities of a director.
- 6. Nominees shall not be discriminated against on the basis of race, religion, national origin, sex, disability or any other basis proscribed by applicable law.

7. The Board also cons iders the backgrounds and qualifications of the directors considered as a group and our ability to attract other persons to serve in light of our industry, financial condition and financial resources.

Application of Criteria to Existing Directors :

The renomination of existing directors shall not be viewed as automatic, but shall be based on continuing qualification under the criteria set forth above. In addition, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee shall consider the existing directors' performance on the Board and any committee thereof.

Criteria for Composition of the Board:

The backgrounds and qualifications of the directors considered as a group should provide a significant breadth of experience, knowledge and abilities that shall assist the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities.

<u>Procedure to be Followed by Security Holders in Submitting Director Candidate</u> <u>Recommendations</u> :

Any security holder who desires the Committee to consider one or more candidates for nomination as a director should either by personal delivery or by United States mail, postage prepaid, deliver a written recommendation addressed to the Chairman, Document Security Systems, Inc. Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee at 28 East Main Street West, Rochester, New York 14614, not later than (i) with respect to an election to be held at an annual meeting of stockholders, 90 days prior to the anniversary date of the immediately preceding annual meeting or if an annual meeting has not been held in the preceding year, 90 days prior the first Tuesday in April; and (ii) with respect to an election to be held at a special meeting of stockholders for the election of directors, the close of business on the tenth day following the date on which notice of such meeting is first given to stockholders. Each written recommendation should set forth: (a) the name and address of the stockholder making the recommendation and of the person or persons recommended; (b) the consent of such person(s) to serve as a director(s) of the Company if nominated and elected; and (c) description of how the person(s) satisfy the General Criteria for consideration as a candidate referred to above.

Additional Criteria for Notice of Stockholder Nominees:

In accordance with DSS's By-Laws, any stockholder entitled to vote in the election of directors generally may nominate one or more persons for election as directors at a meeting only if written notice of such stockholder's intent to make such nomination or nominations has been given, either by personal delivery or by

United States mail, postage prepaid, to the Secretary of the Company not later than (i) with respect to an election to be held at an annual meeting of stockholders, 90 days prior to the anniversary date of the immediately preceding annual meeting or if an annual meeting has not been held in the preceding year, 90 days from the first Tuesday in April; and (ii) with respect to an election to be held at a special meeting of stockholders for the election of directors, the close of business on the tenth day following the date on which notice of such meeting is first given to stockholders. Each such notice shall set forth: (a) the name and address of the stockholder who intends to make the nomination and of the person or persons to be nominated; (b) a representation that the stockholder is a holder of record of stock of the Company entitled to vote at such meeting and intends to appear in person or by proxy at the meeting to nominate the person or persons specified in the notice; (c) a description of all arrangements or understandings between the stockholder and each nominee and any other person or persons (naming such person or persons) pursuant to which the nomination or nominations are to be made by the stockholder; (d) such other information regarding each nominee proposed by such stockholder as would be required to be included in a proxy statement filed pursuant to the proxy rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission; and (e) the consent of each nominee to serve as a director of the Company if so elected.

Procedure Criteria for Nominees by Existing Members and Management.

Under the DSS bylaws, the Board has the power to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors without shareholder approval. Existing members of the Board of Directors and management may recommend to the Board of Directors persons to serve on the Board, and such persons shall satisfy the general criteria set forth above for Board membership. The recommendation shall be submitted by the existing director and/or management to the Nominating Committee, which shall review the recommendation and provide a report or recommendation to the entire Board on whether the candidate recommended should be appointed to the Board by the filling of an existing vacancy or creation of a vacancy by enlarging the Board or nominated for shareholder approval at the next meeting of shareholders at which the election of directors will be considered.