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**COGNEX CORPORATION**

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE  
COGNEX CORPORATION  
SPECIAL MEETING IN LIEU OF THE 2009 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS  
TO BE HELD ON APRIL 23, 2009**

**Notice of Special Meeting in Lieu of 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders**

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THE MEETING?**

The Special Meeting in Lieu of the 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Cognex Corporation will be held at the offices of Goodwin Procter LLP, Exchange Place, 53 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts on Thursday, April 23, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., local time.

**WHAT IS BEING VOTED ON AT THE MEETING?**

The election of three director nominees;

Patrick A. Alias, Robert J. Shillman, Reuben Wasserman

The consideration of any other business which may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

**WHAT DOES THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMEND?**

The Board of Directors recommends that shareholders vote FOR all of the nominees for Director.

**HOW CAN I GET A COMPLETE SET OF PROXY MATERIAL?**

**This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.**

**The following documents can be viewed at: [www.ViewMaterial.com/CGNX](http://www.ViewMaterial.com/CGNX)**

**Proxy Statement**

**Annual Report**

**If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request for a copy as instructed below on or before April 9, 2009 to facilitate timely delivery.**

You may request a paper or e-mail copy of the proxy materials by following the instructions below. You will be asked to provide your 11-digit control number (located by the arrow in the box below).

1. Call the toll-free telephone number 1-800-516-1564 and follow the instructions provided, or
2. Access the website [www.SendMaterial.com](http://www.SendMaterial.com) and follow the instructions provided, or
3. Send us an e-mail at [papercopy@SendMaterial.com](mailto:papercopy@SendMaterial.com) with your control number in the Subject line. Unless you instruct us otherwise, we will reply to your e-mail with a copy of the proxy materials in PDF format for this meeting only.

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**To vote your Cognex Corporation shares, you can vote in person at the Meeting, or you can:**

1. Go to [www.ViewMaterial.com/CGNX](http://www.ViewMaterial.com/CGNX)
2. Review the proxy materials online.
3. Click on the icon to vote your shares.
4. Enter your 11-digit control number  
(located by the arrow in the box above).

**5. Follow the simple instructions to  
record your vote.**

**You will be able to vote electronically  
until 11:59 p.m. EDT on April 22, 2009.**

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DIRECTIONS TO THE BOSTON OFFICE OF GOODWIN PROCTER LLP

Exchange Place

53 State Street

Boston, MA 02109

**Please note:** Exchange Place does not have a parking garage. Parking is available next door at 75 State Street (parking garage entrance on Broad Street).

**From Points North:**

Take I-93 South to exit 24A, Government Center

At the end of exit, bear left onto Atlantic Avenue

Take first right onto State Street

Take left onto Broad Street and make right into the 75 State Street garage

Take elevator up to 75 State Street lobby, and exit onto Kilby Street (by Rebecca's Café)

An entrance for 53 State Street (Exchange Place) is immediately across the street

**From Points South:**

Take I-93 North to exit 23, Government Center

At the end of the ramp, take left onto North Street

Follow Continuation From Points South, West and Logan Airport below

**From Points West:**

Take Mass Pike (I-90) to I-93 North

Take exit 23, Government Center

At the end of the ramp, take left onto North Street

Follow Continuation From Points South, West and Logan Airport below

**From Logan Airport:**

Follow signs for the Ted Williams Tunnel/Mass Pike/I-90 West

Take the Ted Williams Tunnel to the Mass Pike (I-90) West

Use Exit 24-25 after leaving the Ted Williams Tunnel

The exit ramp runs parallel to I-90 for approximately 1/2 mile until it enters the northbound Central Artery tunnel

Proceed north about 1/2 mile to exit 23, Government Center

Take left onto North Street

Follow Continuation From Points South, West and Logan Airport below

**Continuation From Points South, West and Logan Airport:**

Take left onto Congress Street

Take left onto Milk Street

Take left onto Broad Street

Take left into 75 State Street garage (just before State Street)

Take elevator up to 75 State Street lobby, and exit onto Kilby St (by Rebecca's Café)

An entrance for 53 State Street (Exchange Place) is immediately across the street