MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARDS INSTITUTE

AND

THE STANDARDS ENGINEERING SOCIETY

In order to effectively carry out their joint objectives of promoting and enhancing the cause of standardization, the American National Standards Institute and the Standards Engineering Society, hereinafter referred to as ANSI and SES, respectively, have agreed to this Memorandum of Understanding.

The activities resulting from this memorandum are intended to strengthen standardization in the United States and to provide mutual benefits to both organizations.

1. ANSI and SES agree to mutual recognition and support of each other’s activities which promote standardization. The purpose of this association is to seek out and implement activities that may be advantageous to both organizations.

2. ANSI and SES recognize and hereby agree that both organizations are to remain autonomous, to have their present identities, and to be governed and operated under their separate and distinct Constitutions and Bylaws or other similar governing documents. ANSI is primarily recognized as a company, government, and organizational membership body and is the member body for the United States in the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and (through the United States National Committee) the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC). SES is primarily recognized as a professional individual membership organization and is the member body for the United States and Canada in the International Federation of Standards Users (IFAN).

3. Both ANSI and SES shall make every effort to develop mutually acceptable policies and programs and to coordinate their efforts to avoid duplication, conflict, and overlap in services and functions.

4. ANSI and SES jointly agree to work for each other’s mutual benefit to further the cause and need for standardization. ANSI and SES through their respective members shall strive to enhance the standardization image in our respective communities.

This memorandum supercedes the Memorandum of Understanding signed on 28 August 1989.
5. ANSI and SES may undertake certain joint ventures or activities to promote a national awareness of the importance of standards among business and industry executives, management, educators, government officials, and the public. Such activities may include distribution of the publications of each organization to both organizations’ membership, and the conduct of seminars, educational programs, workshops, conferences, courses, and assemblies in the furtherance of the purposes and objectives of both organizations.

6. Annual conferences of ANSI and SES may include sessions cosponsored by the other organization.

7. Neither ANSI nor SES shall have any claim on the assets of the other. All agreements on joint ventures, services, or payment for such services shall be agreed upon by the chief executive officer or designee of each organization.

8. This Memorandum of Understanding shall continue until either ANSI or SES notifies the other party in writing at least 90 days in advance of its desire to terminate the agreement.

9. This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended at any time with the mutual consent of both organizations.

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