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Paper Competition Announced for U.S. Celebration of World Standards Day 2008

Miami, Florida, April 23, 2008 – The 2008 World Standards Day Paper Competition has been announced by the U.S. Celebration of World Standards Day Planning Committee and the paper competition’s sponsor, the Standards Engineering Society (SES).

The theme for this year’s paper competition, “Intelligent and Sustainable Buildings,” recognizes the critical role of standards and conformity assessment programs in ensuring safety requirements; facilitating coordination among contractors, builders, engineers, and architects; and incorporating new technologies in design and construction.

From increased energy efficiency to integration with the latest information and communication technologies, the world’s attention is focused on commercial, government, and residential buildings that are accessible, safe, and sustainable. In today’s global trade environment, major construction projects often require coordination among many different countries, including important decisions about which building and safety codes apply. The 2008 World Standards Day Paper Competition invites papers that use specific examples to show ways that standards and conformity assessment programs are used for intelligent and sustainable buildings.

Paper competition winners will be announced and given their awards during a banquet at the celebration, which will be held this year on October 23 at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C.

Cash prizes are awarded for the best three papers submitted. The first place winner will receive a plaque and \$2,500. Second and third place winners will receive \$1,000 and \$500, respectively, along with a certificate. In addition, the winning papers will be published in SES’s journal, *Standards Engineering*.

All paper contest submissions must be received with an official entry form by midnight on August 29, 2008, by the SES Executive Director, 13340 SW 96th Avenue, Miami, Florida, 33176. For details on the winners’ recognition, cash awards, judging, and rules, go to www.ses-standards.org and follow the link for “WSD Paper Competition 2008.”

About SES (www.ses-standards.org)

Established in 1947, the Standards Engineering Society is a not-for-profit professional membership society whose mission is to provide opportunities for professional development through quality programs and services for standards users and professionals, and to promote the awareness, use, and value of standards and standardization to the private and public sectors. SES is the member body for Canada and the United States in the International Federation of Standards Users (IFAN) and is accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). SES members are primarily involved in the application and use of company, government, national, regional, and international standards.

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About the U.S. Celebration of World Standards Day

Since the initial celebration in 1970, World Standards Day is now recognized in nations around the globe. U.S. activities are organized annually by a planning committee consisting of representatives from across the standards and conformity assessment community. The event is co-chaired each year by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). In celebration of its ninetieth anniversary, ANSI will also serve as the 2008 administrating organization. For more information or to register, please visit www.wsd-us.org.

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