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## Open Forum: Government Reliance on Voluntary Consensus Standards and Conformance Programs


**Wednesday, October 2, 2013**

9:00am – 1:00pm

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Knight Conference Center

555 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC, 20001

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### Open Forum Overview

The seventh in a series of ANSI-sponsored annual events focused on bringing together leaders from the standardization community, the 2013 Open Forum will be held in Washington, DC, on October 2, 2013, as part of the World Standards Week series of events.

Due to the government shutdown that began on October 1, government employees that had been scheduled to speak were unable to do so. The modified agenda included a discussion of ANSI's IBR Portal, followed by a panel focused on the incorporation by reference of voluntary consensus standards into government regulation. In lieu of the second panel shown on the agenda, ANSI president Joe Bhatia and Board of Directors chairman Jim Pauley led the group in an interactive discussion addressing a number of topics, including:

- ▶ How standards developing organizations (SDOs) use technology and remote meetings to increase participation
- ▶ Some of ANSI's strategic priorities
- ▶ Interfacing with consortia

### Participants

ANSI members and interested stakeholders including those from government, industry, business, consumer groups, and academia were encouraged to attend and share their perspectives, insights, and expertise on IBR and government reliance on voluntary consensus standards and conformance programs.

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