



American National Standards Institute



National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (NTTAA)

signed into law on March 7, 1996

PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR COOPERATION

Tenth Anniversary



NTTAA: 1996-2006

COORDINATION, COOPERATION AND PROGRESS

With the passage into law of the *National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act* (NTTAA) on March 7, 1996, federal agencies turned decisively to consensus based, voluntary standards as alternatives to specifications that had previously been developed only for government use.

During the past ten years, tremendous progress has been made in the cooperative standardization efforts of industry and government. Significant accomplishments have been realized in critical areas such as health and safety, security and defense, protection of the environment, and technological advancement. Billions of dollars have been saved by using consensus standards for procurement purposes and mitigating overlap and conflict in regulations.

Celebratory events and activities planned for the tenth anniversary of the approval of the NTTAA include:

- an ANSI-hosted celebratory reception on March 6, 2006, to foster further networking between the private and public sectors
- publication of an *ANSI Reporter* special feature on the NTTAA
- a Standards Engineering Society-published summary of case studies and success stories about implementation of the NTTAA

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