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**USNC Perspectives and Positions in IEC – How  
are They Received and What Can be Done to  
Improve Their Acceptance**

**Conference on U.S. Leadership  
in ISO and IEC Technical Committees**

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# Overview

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- IEC Masterplan 2006
- SMB 2004 Priorities
- USNC Participation
- US Effectiveness
- Improvements

# IEC MASTERPLAN 2006

- CB Task Force provided initial input
- Small Core Group of IEC ExCo plus H. Fletcher (US) will manage process
- Four Topics/Task Groups
  - Positioning
  - Quality and Efficiency
  - Services
  - Long Range/Finances

# SMB 2004 PRIORITIES

- Improved efficiency at SMB operation and standards production
- Standardization strategy
- Emerging technologies
- Environmental standardization
- Cooperation with ISO, CENELEC and other Regional bodies

# USNC PARTICIPATION

- IEC management groups
- Frequent meetings with IEC Officers
- Regional Groups COPANT, PASC and CANENA
- TC/SC Secretariats and Chairs
- Planning for the 2010 IEC GM in US

# US EFFECTIVENESS

- Mixed; Better now than before but still controversial (EDRs, LFE)
- USNC votes affirmatively but very few IEC standards are used
- Lack of effective communication of USNC views with other NCs and “P” members
- Europe knows how to play the game
- Perception that US doesn’t practice what it preaches

# IMPROVEMENTS

- Harmonize IEC standards with US for market access and global acceptance of CBTCs
- Implement ANSI “Guidelines” on voting
- Raise awareness and knowledge of US System – NSS
- Sponsor, where appropriate, additional IEC Secretariats and Chairs

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- Develop mechanisms for sharing standards concerns with others
- Provide basic training on standards and CA
- Improve outreach/collaboration with industry and other NCs
- Encourage IEC membership from the Americas and the Pacific Rim