



The International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) produces the world's standards for electrical, electronic and related technologies.

IEC standards foster the cross-border movement of goods and services by eliminating technical barriers to trade. They often serve as the building blocks for national standards and as common references for business contracts and government regulations or policies.

Growing and evolving over more than a century, IEC's scope of work encompasses the broadest spectrum of electrotechnologies.

As the nation's representative to the IEC, the U.S. National Committee (USNC) serves as the conduit for all U.S. technical and policy contributions into the comprehensive IEC system.



## United States National Committee of the IEC

The U.S. National Committee of the International Electrotechnical Commission (USNC/IEC) serves as the focal point for U.S. interests in international electrotechnical standards, certification, and other related matters. The USNC serves as the nation's representative to the IEC and as the channel for all U.S. technical and policy contributions into the IEC system and many related regional standardization organizations.

The USNC is a fully integrated committee of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), a private non-profit organization whose mission is to enhance U.S. global competitiveness and the American quality of life by promoting, facilitating and safeguarding the integrity of the voluntary standardization and conformity assessment system. ANSI provides administrative support to the USNC and its more than 1,500 managerial, engineering, scientific and professional participants.

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IEC 2010 — Seattle, USA  
*Into the Future*





## Why the U.S. is Hosting IEC 2010

- **Leadership** To demonstrate the U.S. commitment to leadership in the electrotechnical industry and, specifically, within the IEC
- **Opportunity** To enable more U.S. experts to participate in establishing the International Standards that will open global markets and lead to greater market access
- **Economy** To save these U.S. experts the time and expense of traveling to another nation
- **Awareness** To promote within the broader IEC community a set of standards development and conformity assessment processes that are open, balanced and transparent
- **Understanding** To help executives in industry and government understand the importance of both globally relevant International Standards and their related compliance activities
- **Alignment** To demonstrate to world markets that U.S. and IEC standardization activities are closely aligned
- **Visibility** To showcase U.S. technology and innovation to colleagues around the globe

## The Road to Seattle

- IEC 2010 will be the sixth time the U.S. has hosted the IEC General Meeting since 1904; the fifth was in Houston, Texas, in 1998
- Converging in the American Northwest will be at least 1,500 delegates and more than 700 accompanying persons representing an anticipated seventy (70) nations\*
- The ten-day event is expected to include meetings of more than sixty (60) Technical Committees and Subcommittees in addition to the policy meetings and plenary sessions\*
- Commitments of financial support have already been provided by dozens of companies, organizations and government agencies
- Additional sponsorship opportunities are still available

\* These numbers could climb even higher before October 2010

Global commerce depends upon the use of standards that have been developed with input from all stakeholders and that are relevant for implementation in any nation.

As the world's leading producer of standards for electrical, electronic and related technologies, the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) is a key player in the development of global markets. The U.S. National Committee (USNC/IEC) helps to propel the IEC's work by representing U.S. interests at the table where IEC standards, compliance programs and policies are developed.

Each year, a host country organizes a ten-day forum that brings together more than 1,500 of the IEC's leading experts. The purpose of this event, known as the IEC General Meeting, is to provide a central venue for the discussions that will shape the direction of future products, services and systems.

In October 2010, the U.S. will play host to the world's electrotechnology community as the USNC welcomes the IEC to Seattle, Washington.



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