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HEADLINES

Get caught up on the latest news from ANSI…

Major Grant Made to Increase the Transparency and Value of Industry Credentials and Degrees
Lumina Foundation has awarded a $2.25 million grant to ANSI-affiliate Workcred, George Washington University, and Southern Illinois University to build and test a first-of-its kind “credential registry.”

Free ANSI Conference Announced: "Standards and the Service Economy"
A highlight of World Standards Week 2015, the event is scheduled for September 29 and is set to feature speakers from Disney, Citi, Oracle, ISO, and more.

ANSI Announces Recipients of the 2015 Leadership and Service Awards
Recipients have been recognized for their significant contributions to national and international standardization activities, as well as an ongoing commitment to their industry, their nation, and the enhancement of the global voluntary consensus standards system.

ANSI and European Standards Organizations Share Q&A Documents to Facilitate Better Mutual Understanding
Following many months of collaboration and dialogue, ANSI and the European Standards Organizations (ESOs) have released two Q&A documents aimed at facilitating a better mutual understanding of the U.S. and European standardization systems.

ANSI and Mexican Accreditation Body Sign MoU, Strengthening Collaboration for Global Climate Action
ANSI and the Entidad Mexicana de Acreditacion, AC (EMA, Mexico) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) pledging to mutually work together to harmonize their accreditation processes for greenhouse gas (GHG) programs.

International Standards Organizations Issue Updated Guidelines for Common Patent Policy Implementation
The International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) have issued updated guidelines for implementation of their Common Patent Policy.

People on the Move
People on the Move spotlights trailblazers in standardization, highlighting their latest achievements, advancements, and contributions to the standards and conformance community. In this issue: ASA, BITS, and Energistics.

Did You Know?
Did You Know? offers a quick look at the broad scope of activities underway within the ANSI Federation of members and partners, highlighting recent accomplishments and new resources related to standardization. In this issue: AAMI, ASSE, EPO, IEC, IRINA, OPEI, and PGMA.
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**Standards Action – July 31, 2015**
ANSI’s key public review vehicle enables effective participation in the standards development process.

**United States Standards Strategy (USSS) – Third Edition**
The *United States Standards Strategy* provides a framework that can be used by all interested parties to further advance trade issues, and a vision for the future of the U.S. standards system in today’s globally competitive economy.

**United States Conformity Assessment Principles (USCAP) – Third Edition**
The *United States Conformity Assessment Principles* document articulates the principles for U.S. conformity assessment activities that the consumer, buyers, sellers, regulators and other interested parties should be aware of to have confidence in the processes of providing conformity assessment, while avoiding the creation of unnecessary barriers to trade.

**What Is ANSI?**
This user-friendly introduction to ANSI provides a brief overview of many of the Institute’s programs and activities, with links to more detailed information.

Check out our other publications and documents of interest.

CALENDAR
Visit the Events Section of ANSI Online regularly for complete event information.

**World Standards Week 2015**
September 28 – October 2, 2015
Washington, DC

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