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HEADLINES

Get caught up on the latest news from ANSI…

**Assistant Secretary of Commerce Marcus Jadotte Discusses Standards and the Digital Economy during ANSI's Annual Business Meeting**

Mr. Jadotte, the Secretary of Commerce for Industry & Analysis for the International Trade Administration at the United States Department of Commerce, addressed an audience of over 100 standardization stakeholders, describing how standards and conformity assessment play a critical role in the digital economy during World Standards Week.

[**ANSI Publishes Standards Alliance Year-Two Report; Kicks off Year Three with Call for Proposals**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=0de8f079-8d53-40e7-bc77-f5dc8939da0f&source=whatsnew102615)

ANSI recently completed year two of its public-private partnership with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) called the Standards Alliance. The milestone is marked with the publication of an annual report highlighting the activities and accomplishments during the 2014-2015 timeframe.

**Free ANSI Webinar to Focus on NIST Draft Cyber-Physical Systems Framework**

On November 20 ANSI will host a free informational webinar from 2 to 3 pm EDT on the Draft Framework for Cyber-Physical Systems (CPS) developed by the U.S. Department of Commerce’s National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cyber-Physical Systems Public Working Group (CPS PWG), and currently out for public comment through November

[**ANSI to Host Free Webinar on International Guide for Consumer Product Information**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=57835342-c0dd-4803-a100-aa3da0dcf028&source=whatsnew102615)

The 60-minute webinar on ISO/IEC Guide 14, *Purchase information on goods and services intended for consumers,* will take place Thursday, November 5, at 1 pm EDT.

[**ANSI Announces Dates for World Standards Week 2016**](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/News%20and%20Publications/Brochures/WhatIsANSI_brochure.pdf?menuid=7&articleid=cec47d16-277c-4872-8e2f-e5f29c5b6233&source=whatsnew110215)

Save the Date: World Standards Week (WSW) 2016 is scheduled for October 24-28 in Washington, DC. The event brings together departmental and agency officials, industry leaders, consumer advocates, academics, and standardization executives from across the globe.

[**ANSI Supports Department of Education's Focus on Quality and Transparency in Workforce-Relevant Educational Offerings**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=be78d545-632c-47c1-ae8c-94da5743e689&source=whatsnew110215)

ANSI has an important role to play as an accreditor of personnel certifiers and certificate issuers as the U.S. Department of Education expands efforts to foster transparency and meaningful quality assurance in the programs offered by diverse post-secondary and non-traditional education providers.

[**ISO Releases Strategic Plan for 2016-2020**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=97ee674e-06e0-4b1f-9e4f-7066f071d770&source=whatsnew101915)

The International Organization for Standardization recently released its strategic document, which will serve as a five-year guide for how the organization will interact with stakeholders and meet the needs of customers as technological, economic, legal, environmental, social, and political factors continue to influence standards and their utilization.

[**People on the Move**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=9efcdebd-c4f0-4c8f-b702-6b33c878383c&source=whatsnew092115)

*People on the Move* spotlights trailblazers in standardization, highlighting their latest achievements, advancements, and contributions to the standards and conformance community. In this issue, news from the International Association of Continuing Education and Training (IACET) and the ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES).

[**Did You Know?**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=8a45f402-884e-4b0a-b03b-7df0d929aa6d&source=whatsnew102615)

*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: American Association of Physicists in Medicine (AAPM), American Bankers Association (ABA), the American Board of Multiple Specialties in Podiatry (ABMSP), the Crane Power Line Safety Organization (CPLSO), IEEE, and NIST.

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PUBLICATIONS

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[**Standards Action – October 30, 2015**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx)ANSI’s key public review vehicle enables effective participation in the standards development process.

[**United States Standards Strategy (USSS) – Third Edition**](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/Standards%20Activities/NSSC/USSS_Third_edition/USSS%202010-sm.pdf?&source=csu040115)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**](http://plus.google.com/103554078283468148972?&source=csu040115)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?**](http://www.facebook.com/pages/ANSI-American-National-Standards-Institute/46446679081?&source=csu040115)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.

[**ANSI 2014-2015 Annual Report**](http://www.youtube.com/user/ansidotorg?&source=whatsnew100515)This year’s annual report, *A Window on the Standardization Initiatives Making the World a Safer, Better Place*, informs stakeholders of ANSI’s key initiatives and accomplishments over the past year. It also documents financial activities of the Institute during 2014.

Check out our other[publications](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/Standards%20Action/2015-PDFs/SAV4644.pdf?menuid=7&source=csu022515)and[documents of interest](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/other_documents/other_doc.aspx?menuid=7&source=csu022515).

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