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## ANSI Congressional Standards Update

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### HEADLINES

Get caught up on the latest news from ANSI...

#### [ANSI to Host OMB A-119 Revision Webinar on February 16](#)

The free one-hour webinar will cover the recently published revisions to White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-119, "Federal Participation in the Development and Use of Voluntary Consensus Standards and in Conformity Assessment Activities."

#### [ANSI Caucus Features Jamila Thompson, Legislative Director for Georgia Congressman John Lewis](#)

Ms. Thompson spoke about the importance of standards in international trade and the growing interest by Congressman Lewis in looking to standards to help craft practicable solutions to global problems.

#### [National Institute of Building Sciences Receives ANSI Approval of Four Better Buildings Workforce Schemes](#)

A team of ANSI assessors conducted a comprehensive review of the job task analyses and schemes for the four submitted Better Buildings Workforce (BBW) jobs.

#### [White House Announces New Strategy to Boost Government Involvement in International Standards for Cybersecurity, Recognizes ANSI Efforts](#)

Recognizing standardization's unique role and major impact on cybersecurity in business, the White House recently highlighted the *United States Strategy* or *USSS*, which promotes principles and tactics for the United States to develop standards and participate in the international standards-setting process.

#### [Standards Alliance Hosts Orientation Visit to Washington, DC, for 16 Colombian Officials](#)

The week of meetings at ANSI's headquarters provided the Colombian visitors with a detailed orientation to the public-private nature of the U.S. system and served as a forum for future collaboration with Colombia on standards issues.

#### [USNC Announces President-Elect 2016 John M. Thompson](#)

The U.S. National Committee of the International Electrotechnical Commission (USNC/IEC) has appointed UL's John M. Thompson as USNC President-Elect 2016. Mr. Thompson will be serving a one-year term, and then will become USNC President as of January 1, 2017, succeeding current President Philip M. Piqueira, also of UL.

#### [ANSI Supports First World Smart City Forum to Be Held in July in Singapore](#)

The International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) recently launched the World Smart City online community as part of its lead-up to the first World Smart City Forum — a partnership between the IEC, ISO, and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). ANSI is pleased to serve as a supporting organization of the July 13, 2016, event in Singapore.

#### [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: NACE International and NAM.

### 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: American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE), Crane Power Line Safety Organization (CPLSO), ISO Technical Committee (TC) 285 to present a Tedx talk, National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and UL.

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## PUBLICATIONS

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### Standards Action – February 5, 2016

ANSI's key public review vehicle enables effective participation in the standards development process.

### United States Standards Strategy (USSS)

The *United States Standards Strategy* provides a framework to further advance trade and a vision for the future of the U.S. standards system in today's globally competitive economy.

### United States Conformity Assessment Principles (USCAP)

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.

### ANSI 2014-2015 Annual Report

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.

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