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HEADLINES

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

[Open Source, Open Standards, Open Minds: ANSI Announces Free Event on April 15 in Washington, DC](#)

The event is intended to explore open source and its impact on the standards community and beyond. It will be hosted by ANSI in partnership with American University and the George Washington University School of Law.

[ANSI Webinar Highlighted Key Changes to OMB Circular A-119, Slides and Recording Available](#)

ANSI hosted a free webinar on February 16 on 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, NIST, and Partners Launch International Working Group to Develop Consensus Framework for Smart City Architectures](#)

ANSI, NIST, and several partners will launch a new international technical working group that will develop a white paper defining common architectural principles and a vocabulary for smart cities.

[Participate in March 16 Webinar on International Standards for Next Generation Toilets](#)

ANSI with support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation invites all interested parties to participate in a free webinar to discuss two new ISO projects related to Next Generation Toilets. "Reinvented toilets" would help developing countries utilize safer, cleaner, and cost-efficient toilet alternatives.

[ANSI and DIN to Co-host U.S.-German Standards Panel on Innovation in the Medical Device Sector](#)

The April 12 event in Washington, D.C., is intended to unite public- and private-sector representatives from the U.S. and Germany to provide viewpoints on recent developments in electronic medical records and the implications for standardization and public policy.

[ANSI Announces Alliance Support for Trade Africa](#)

The expanded scope of the Standards Alliance—ANSI's public-private partnership with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)—allows ANSI to engage with five additional countries in sub-Saharan Africa: Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mozambique, Senegal, and Zambia.

[Workcred Executive Director Dr. Roy Swift Presents at the Council of College and Military Educators Symposium \(CCME\)](#)

Dr. Swift, a retired United States Army colonel, spoke on behalf of the recently launched Workcred affiliate Credential Transparency Initiative (CTI), which serves to create greater clarity in the U.S. credentialing marketplace at the recent event.

[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: AAFS, CSA Group, and CTA.

[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: ABMSP, CSA Group, IAPMO, NFPA, USGBC, and WQA.

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PUBLICATIONS

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[Standards Action – March 4, 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.

Check out our other [publications](#) and [documents of interest](#).

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[Open Source, Open Standards, Open Minds](#)

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