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HEADLINES

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

[2015-2016 Annual Report Now Available](#)

Entitled *Collaborative Standardization Solutions for a Strong Nation and a Safer World*, ANSI's report informs stakeholders of the Institute's key initiatives and accomplishments over the past year.

[ANSI Participates as Quality Assurance Entity during Symposium on Higher Education Innovation that Reduces Costs and Strengthens Quality](#)

ANSI, a globally recognized quality assurance entity (QAE), participated in a joint White House and U.S. Department of Education (DoE) symposium on November 15. ANSI was recently selected to join the DoE's higher education initiative entitled Educational Quality through Innovative Partnerships (EQUIP) experiment.

[ANSI's Joint Member Forum Meeting Launches Discussions on New Opportunities for Standardization as Tech Expands](#)

Nearly 150 attended the event, which featured five moderated panel sessions on topics ranging from unmanned aircraft and vehicle technology to U.S. involvement in China's standardization reform.

[Experts Discuss Employment Law, Cybersecurity, and Social Media at ANSI's Legal Issues Forum](#)

For the first time, the annual Legal Issues Forum was free of charge to ANSI members, and attendees will receive continuing legal education (CLE) certificates, as the forum recently received CLE accreditation from the State of New Jersey.

[ANSI and NIST Announce University Winners of International Standards Competition during World Standards Week](#)

The international standards simulation competition on Monday, October 24, brought university teams together to develop a new, fictional globally relevant voluntary standard related to industrial communication systems during a simulated session, which tested each participant's strategy and negotiation skills.

[ISO Releases Standard, Two-Step Solution to Improve Sanitation for 2.4 Billion People](#)

ISO's two-pronged approach to improve sanitation conditions includes the new ISO standard ISO 24521, *Activities relating to drinking water and wastewater services — Guidelines for the management of basic on-site domestic wastewater services* and work on future standards for next-generation toilets and sanitation treatment systems.

[New ISO Anti-bribery Standard for Organizations Has Potential to Reduce Business Risk and Liability](#)

ISO 37001:2016, *Anti-Bribery Management Systems - Requirements with guidance for use*, is intended for organizations of all sizes to combat bribery risk within their own operations and among their global value chains. ANSI is the U.S. member body to the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and a participant in ISO Project Committee (PC) 278, *Anti-bribery management systems*, which developed the standard.

[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: The Information Technology Industry Council (ITI) and MHI.

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: ASME, ISEAL, the National Fire Protection Association, and SES-The Society for Standards Professionals.

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Standards Action – November 18, 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* articulates how U.S. conformity assessment activities foster confidence while avoiding the creation of unnecessary barriers to trade.

2015 – 2016 Annual Report

The 2016 annual report, *Collaborative Standardization Solutions for a Strong Nation and a Safer World*, provides a summary of recent work carried out by ANSI and its constituents in support of ANSI's mission.

What Is ANSI?

This user-friendly introduction to ANSI provides a brief overview of many of the Institute's ongoing programs and activities.

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CALENDAR

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