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[**ANSI Submits Response to Federal Register Notice for Input regarding DOC-USTR Trade Deficit Report**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story?menuid=7&articleid=7ff4832e-e17b-4c5e-b3a1-2009f55c7356&source=csu51717)

ANSI has submitted a response to a recent Federal Register Notice issued by the Department of Commerce (DOC) and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR), pursuant to Executive Order 13786, signed March 31, 2017, which directs the agencies to issue a report on countries with significant trade deficits.

[**ANSI Solicits Private-Sector Participants for June Executive Roundtable on U.S.–China Strategic Cooperation with SAC Administrator Tian Shihong**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story?menuid=7&articleid=a90ce49b-2211-484d-9afb-22de8b93c3d8&source=whatsnew051717)

ANSI will host a high-level Chinese delegation at its Washington, DC, headquarters on June 9, 2017, and is looking for participants for ANSI’s Executive Roundtable on U.S.-China Strategic Cooperation, an opportunity for industry representatives to share perspectives on standardization areas of mutual priority, and to identify potential areas for deepened exchange between the U.S. and China.

[**Standards Alliance Organizes Workshop on Regulatory Impact Analysis in Zambia**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story?menuid=7&articleid=a7145d01-15fb-4958-a7c4-1157a4cfb2d9&source=csu51717)

Through its public-private partnership with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) called the Standards Alliance, ANSI organized a two-day workshop in Lusaka, Zambia, on April 24-25. The event focused on good practices in the development and implementation as well as the role of the private-sector in RIA.

[**ANSI and John Deere to Hold Standards Simulation Competition for University Teams**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story?menuid=7&articleid=4de4be99-2b62-4dfb-9fb9-df0175546692&source=csu51717)

ANSI, in collaboration with John Deere, will hold its second standards simulation competition on October 27, 2017, at San Jose State University in Santa Clara, California. The event, open to undergraduate or graduate students on the West Coast, is intended for university teams to create fictional, globally relevant voluntary standards, a process that will exercise participant strategy and negotiation skills.

[**ANSI’s Director of Environmental Accreditation Programs Receives Climate Action Reserve Award**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story?menuid=7&articleid=45c8f9de-bb31-4cc2-a3e1-43b60dc2c195&source=csu51717)

The Climate Action Reserve, a nonprofit registry that certifies projects for reducing emissions, has honored Ann Howard, ANSI’s director of environmental accreditation, with its distinguished award that highlights efforts to further its work.

[**New ISO 20400 Standard Helps Organizations Integrate Sustainability into Their Procurement Processes**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story?menuid=7&articleid=1a8a066b-a2fd-4a60-a0e7-3b25b0624fc6&source=csu51717)

A new standard, ISO 20400, *Sustainable procurement-Guidance*, was developed to help organizations integrate sustainability into their procurement processes. Josh Jacobs, LEED AP+BD&C, UL technical information and public affairs manager, serves as U.S. Mirror Committee chairman and spoke with ANSI about how organizations can use the standard to leverage sustainable purchasing decisions, and ultimately, business operations.

[**Charles Sidebottom Named 2017 Recipient of Ronald H. Brown Standards Leadership Award**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story?menuid=7&articleid=0d3c04d7-9766-46ae-8dcd-aaaefd7691b9&source=csu51717)

Mr. Sidebottom was nominated for his extensive contributions to the international standards community during his career, which spans over 30 years. ANSI, the U.S. Department of Commerce (DoC)’s National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), the Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation (AAMI), and the World Standards Day Committee will award Mr. Sidebottom at the U.S. Celebration of World Standards Day on October 19.

[**Reminder: Call for Nominations for 2018 ANSI Board of Directors**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story?menuid=7&articleid=06b9ab45-212b-4c48-94e1-c2a7850f2e38&source=csu51717)

ANSI invites all of its members to recommend qualified candidates for the 2018 ANSI Board of Directors, no later than Friday, June 2, 2017.

[**People on the Move**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story?menuid=7&articleid=605fc801-4ac3-4423-b71c-cad3941af270&source=whatsnew051517)

*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 American Bankers Association (ABA) and the Wood Machinery Manufacturers of America (WMMA).

[**Did You Know?**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story?menuid=7&articleid=9aac324a-4fef-4ee9-9564-c0a579d7e28e&source=csu51717)

*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: The Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation (AAMI), MHI, the Toy Association, and the U.S. Green Building Council.

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

[**United States Standards Strategy (USSS)**](https://share.ansi.org/shared%20documents/Standards%20Activities/NSSC/USSS_Third_edition/ANSI_USSS_2015.pdf?&source=csu33117) 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)**](https://share.ansi.org/shared%20documents/News%20and%20Publications/Brochures/USCAP%202011.pdf?&source=csu51717)
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**](https://share.ansi.org/Shared%20Documents/News%20and%20Publications/Brochures/Annual%20Report%20Archive/ANSI_2015_16_Annual_Report.pdf)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?**](https://share.ansi.org/shared%20documents/News%20and%20Publications/Brochures/WhatIsANSI_brochure.pdf?&source=csu51717)This user-friendly introduction to ANSI provides a brief overview of many of the Institute’s ongoing programs and activities.

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[**World Standards Week 2017**](https://www.ansi.org/meetings_events/wsw17/wsw?menuid=8)

October 16-20

[**U.S. Celebration of World Standards Day 2017**](https://www.ansi.org/meetings_events/wsw17/wsd)

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