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What’s New?

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HEADLINES

A summary of this issue’s top stories…



**[Click here to find out how standards play a key role in assuring a joyful season!](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/News%20and%20Publications/Other%20Documents/holidaystandards.pdf?&source=whatsnew121211)**

[**ANSI Board Names Volunteer Leaders for 2012**](http://www.ansi.org/career_opportunities/positions_available/position_available.aspx?admin=1&articleid=3088&source=whatsnew121211)

The ANSI Board of Directors has announced its new members and officers for the term beginning January 1, 2012. James T. Pauley, senior vice president of external affairs and government relations at Schneider Electric USA, was appointed as ANSI’s new chairman of the board.
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[**Council on Competitiveness Report on Manufacturing Highlights Role of Standards in Driving U.S. Competitiveness**](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/News%20and%20Publications/Other%20Documents/holidaystandards.pdf?admin=1&articleid=3092&source=whatsnew121211)

A report released by the Council on Competitiveness seeks to boost the U.S. manufacturing sector and the national economy. Created with input from ANSI and others, the strategy puts forth five critical challenges facing U.S. manufacturing and offers specific solutions to address them.
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**ANSI Seeks Comments on Proposed New ISO Standard on Energy Services**

The ISO Committee on Consumer Policy has submitted a proposal for the development a new work item on energy services. As the U.S. member body to ISO, ANSI invites all interested stakeholders to submit comments on the proposal **by** **January 20, 2012**.
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[**ANSI Manufacturer Member Roundtable Holds Year-End Celebrations in Beijing and Shanghai**](http://www.ansi.org/membership/overview/overview.aspx?admin=1&articleid=3093&source=whatsnew121211)

Last week, to commemorate a very successful year, members of the ANSI Manufacturer Member Roundtable gathered for year-end celebrations in Beijing and Shanghai.
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[**AWEA, ASCE Join Forces on Standards for Wind Energy**](http://www.ansi.org/career_opportunities/positions_available/position_available.aspx?admin=1&articleid=3091&source=whatsnew121211)

Two ANSI members and accredited standards developers, the American Wind Energy Association and the American Society of Civil Engineers, have joined forces to put wind in the sales of the growing wind industry.
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[**ANSI Welcomes the China Certification and Accreditation Association**](http://www.ansi.org/?admin=1&articleid=3094&source=whatsnew121211)

A delegation from the China Certification and Accreditation Association led by deputy secretary general Yao Lei recently visited ANSI’s DC headquarters to discuss potential cooperation in the area of standards and conformance.
[more...](http://www.ansi.org/meetings_events/online_calendar/events.aspx?admin=1&articleid=3094&source=whatsnew121211)

[**Joy to the World Wide Web! Standards Make Shopping a Cinch This Holiday Season**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3089&source=whatsnew121211)

Retailers are gearing up for what promises be a record holiday season for online sales. Thanks to standards, holiday shopping is made safe, secure, and simple – a cinch, even for the busiest grinch.

[more...](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3089&source=whatsnew121211)

[**Did You Know?**](http://www.ansi.org/?menuid=7&articleid=3090&source=whatsnew121211)

*Did You Know?* offers a quick look at the broad scope of activities underway within the ANSI Federation, highlighting the people and initiatives making waves in standardization. In this issue: **Mikhail Gorbachev** Opens ISO Forum; “**Smoot**” Enters the American Heritage Dictionary; **ICC** Adopts Model Building Code Training for High School Students; **PGMA** Approved as an ANSI ASD; **ASPE** and **AOPA** Apply for Accreditation as ANSI ASDs.

SOCIAL MEDIA

ANSI actively participates in a number of social media websites, making pertinent information about events and initiatives readily accessible and providing a place of discussion for the U.S. standardization community.

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PUBLIC POLICY

*Federal Register* notices of potential interest …

[Standards and Trade Related Notices from the U.S. Federal Register, December 5 – December 12, 2011](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?&source=whatsnew121211)

[National Cooperative Research and Production Act Notices from the U.S. Federal Register, November 1 – December 12, 2011](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?&source=whatsnew121211)

PUBLICATIONS

Take advantage of more great information…

***Standards Action – December 9, 2011***The latest issue of ANSI’s key public review vehicle.

[***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=whatsnew121211)
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.[***2010-2011 Annual Report***](http://twitter.com/ansidotorg?&source=whatsnew121211)
This year's annual report, *Standardization – Paving the Road to Innovation*, describes how ANSI and its Federation of members have continued to use the power of collaboration to develop solutions for economic growth, innovation, and global priorities, fortifying the U.S. marketplace position in the global economy through standards-based solutions to national and global priorities.

Check out our otherpublicationsand[documents of interest](http://www.facebook.com/pages/ANSI-American-National-Standards-Institute/46446679081?menuid=7&source=whatsnew121211).

CALENDAR

Please check the [Events Section](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=8&source=whatsnew121211) of ANSI Online regularly for updated and new event information.

[**ANSI-NIST International Workshop on Challenges to Increased Use of Nanotechnology Standards**](http://gsi.nist.gov/global/index.cfm/L1-8/L2-33/A-598%26source%3Dwhatsnew121211)

December 13-14, 2011

Washington, DC

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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[**New on StandardsLearn.org: Standardization Case Studies**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?&source=whatsnew121211)

From radiation detection to quality drinking water, a wide variety of topics are addressed by these case studies, where standardization – either the concept or actual practice – helped in the resolution of real-world problems. Instructors can use these case studies as a vehicle to stimulate class discussion of standardization in their discipline, along with the economic and/or operational consequences of addressing or not addressing the issues or needs.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

As a service to our members and constituents in the U.S. standards and conformity assessment community, ANSI provides an [online network](http://www.ansi.org/education_trainings/overview.aspx?menuid=13&source=whatsnew?&source=whatsnew121211) connecting the most progressive companies with the most qualified career-minded individuals.

Openings are frequently available in ANSI’s New York and Washington, DC, offices. For more information or to submit your qualifications, visit the [Career Opportunities Section](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=13&source=whatsnew?&source=whatsnew121211) of ANSI Online.

STORE

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Learn more about this issue’s featured package:

[**ISO 10218 - Robots and Robotic Devices Safety Package**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?sku=ISO+10218+-+Robots+and+Robotic+Devices+Safety+Package&source=whatsnew121211)
This package provides general requirements for robots and robotic devices safety. It also provides requirements to integrate robots and robotic systems. While this package is specific to industrial robots, it is a comprehensive collection that provides design, manufacturing, installation, operation, maintenance - and if necessary - the decommissioning of an industrial robot system.

For information about the inventory of thousands of documents available from the [eStandards Store](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/Government%20Affairs/Federal%20Register%20Notices/Standards%20_%20CA%20Notices/2011/12%2012%2011.pdf?&source=whatsnew121211) (eSS), please visit [webstore.ansi.org](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/News%20and%20Publications/Brochures/Annual%20Report%20Archive/ANSI_2010_11_AnnualReport.pdf?&source=whatsnew121211) or contact ANSI Customer Service (212.642.4980, [storemanager@ansi.org](http://ansidotorg.blogspot.com/)).

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