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What’s New?

*What’s New?* is a weekly electronic newsletter produced and distributed free of charge to the members and constituents of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). For a complete listing of ANSI news and events, please visit our website, [ANSI Online](http://www.ansi.org/?&source=whatsnew101512). [>>>](http://www.ansi.org/?&source=whatsnew081312)

HEADLINES

A summary of this issue’s top stories…

[**2011-2012 Annual Report Now Available**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3378&source=whatsnew101512)

This year’s ANSI Annual Report, “Leadership for a Rapidly Changing World,” is now available.
[more…](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3378&source=whatsnew101512)

[**Distinguished Members of the Standardization Community Honored at the 2012 ANSI Awards Banquet and Ceremony**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3377&source=whatsnew101512)

ANSI honored seventeen leaders of the U.S. and global voluntary standards-setting and conformity assessment community at the 2012 ANSI Awards Banquet and Ceremony. Held annually, the leadership and service awards program is a long-standing tradition that recognizes and honors creativity, dedication, and vision in the field of standards and conformity assessment.
[more…](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3377&source=whatsnew101512)

**[U.S. Standards Community Celebrates World Standards Day 2012](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3379&source=whatsnew101512)**

Nearly 300 members of the standards and conformity assessment community gathered in Washington, DC, last week for the U.S. Celebration of World Standards Day 2012.
[more…](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3379&source=whatsnew101512)

[**ANSI Board Member Keith Bird Urges Creation of Competency-Based Skills Credentials**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3387&source=whatsnew101512)

Dr. Keith W. Bird, senior policy fellow for workforce and postsecondary education at the Corporation for a Skilled Workforce and ANSI board member, has called for the establishment of a new postsecondary training system that would award industry-accepted, skill-focused credentials to community college students and others. In an interview with TrainingIndustry.com, Dr. Bird argued that such a system would be more closely aligned with the needs of industry and the labor market than traditional community college associate degree programs.
[more…](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3387&source=whatsnew101512)

**[Batter Up: Standards Swing for the Fences in Baseball Playoffs](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3386&source=whatsnew101512)**

With playoff season now in full swing, America’s favorite pastime is on the minds of fans nationwide. To keep the game safe and enjoyable for players and spectators alike, a number of standards come into play.
[more…](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3386&source=whatsnew101512)

**[Did You Know?](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3381&source=whatsnew101512)**

*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.
[more…](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3381&source=whatsnew101512)

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.

Check us out on …

                       

PUBLIC POLICY

*Federal Register* notices of potential interest …

[Standards and Trade Related Notices from the U.S. Federal Register, October 6 – October 15, 2012](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/Government%20Affairs/Federal%20Register%20Notices/Standards%20_%20CA%20Notices/2012/10%2015%2012.pdf)

[National Cooperative Research and Production Act Notices from the U.S. Federal Register, September 25th, 2012 – October 15th, 2012](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/Government%20Affairs/Federal%20Register%20Notices/NCRP%20Notices/2012/NCRPNotices%2010_15_12.pdf)

PUBLICATIONS

Take advantage of more great information…

[**Standards Action – October 12, 2012**](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/Standards%20Action/2012_PDFs/SAV4341.pdf?&source=whatsnew101512)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==whatsnew101512)
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.[***2011-2012 Annual Report***](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/News%20and%20Publications/Brochures/Annual%20Report%20Archive/ANSI_2011_12_Annual_Report_Final_with_Roster.pdf?&source=whatsnew101512)
This year's annual report, *Leadership for a Rapidly Changing World*, 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 other[publications](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/periodicals/overview.aspx?menuid=7&source=whatsnew101512)and[documents of interest](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/other_documents/other_doc.aspx?menuid=7&source=whatsnew101512).

CALENDAR

Please check the [Events Section](http://www.ansi.org/meetings_events/online_calendar/events.aspx?menuid=8&source=whatsnew101512) of ANSI Online regularly for updated and new event information.

[**ANSI Nanotechnology Standards Panel (NSP) Meeting**](http://www.ansi.org/meetings_events/online_calendar/event_details.aspx?menuid=8&eid=1818#.UHxOH640N8E?menuid=8&source=whatsnew101512)

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Washington, DC

[**ANSI Nuclear Energy Standards Coordination Collaborative (NESCC) Meeting**](http://www.ansi.org/meetings_events/events/2012/nescc_1112.aspx?menuid=8&source=whatsnew101512)November 29, 2012
Washington, DC

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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Visit[StandardsLearn.org](http://www.standardslearn.org/?&source=whatsnew101512), the premier online source for standards and conformity assessment education, for easy-to-use educational tools that address the full range of standards activities. All of the courses and resources are free and provided by ANSI as a public service.

[**New on StandardsLearn.org: Standardization Case Studies**](http://www.standardslearn.org/standardization_case_studies.aspx?&source=whatsnew101512)

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/career_opportunities/positions_available/position_available.aspx?menuid=13&source=whatsnew?&source=whatsnew101512) 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](http://www.ansi.org/career_opportunities/positions_available/position_available.aspx?menuid=13&source=whatsnew101512) of ANSI Online.

STORE

Buying standards? Check out the [eStandards Store (eSS)…](http://webstore.ansi.org/?&source=whatsnew101512)

Learn more about this issue’s featured package:

**[ASME B30.20 / ASME BTH-1 - Below the Hook lifting Devices Package](http://webstore.ansi.org/RecordDetail.aspx?sku=ASME+B30.20+%2f+ASME+BTH-1+-+Below+the+Hook+lifting+Devices+Package)**

The ASME B30.20 / ASME BTH-1 - Below the Hook lifting Devices Package provides the safety and design requirements for below the hook lifting devices. It is applicable to hoists, hooks, cableways, cranes, slings, derricks and jacks.

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