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**What’s New?**

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**Happy Holidays!** 

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HEADLINES

A summary of this issue’s top stories…

**ANSI to Continue Discussion on Arbitration of RAND Disputes at Free Workshop on January 21**

The workshop will build upon ANSI’s October 2013 Legal Issues Forum, which also looked arbitration as a potential resolution mechanism for disputes over the licensing of Standard-Essential Patents (SEPs) on reasonable and non-discriminatory (RAND) terms.

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[**ISO/IEC JTC 1 Holds 28th Plenary Meeting in France**](http://webstore.ansi.org/?menuid=7&articleid=3821&source=whatsnew122313)

During the plenary, International Organization for Standardization / International Electrotechnical Commission (ISO/IEC) Joint Technical Committee (JTC) 1, *Information Technology*,  established a new Subcommittee on IT Service Management and IT Governance, as well as new Study Groups on Smart Cities and Big Data.

[more…](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3821&source=whatsnew122313)

[**Attention ANSI-Accredited U.S. TAGs: 2013 Annual Reports and Procedural Compliance Forms Due by January 31, 2014**](http://www.ansi.org/meetings_events/online_calendar/event_details.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3822&source=whatsnew122313)

ANSI's Procedures and Standards Administration (PSA) department wishes to remind all ANSI-Accredited U.S. Technical Advisory Group (TAG) Administrators to ISO that a response to a recent email that contained the 2014 Procedural Compliance Form/2013 TAG Annual Report Notice must be submitted no later than January 31, 2014.

[more…](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3822&source=whatsnew122313)

[**ANSI-Accredited Manufacturing Skill Standards Council (MSSC) Achieves 50,000th-Credential Milestone**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3825&source=whatsnew122313)

The MSSC is a certification body accredited by ANSI for its MSSC-Certified Logistics Technician (CLT) and MSSC-Certified Production Technician (CPT) certification programs under the Institute’s Accreditation Program for Personnel Certification Bodies.

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[**Single Charger for Notebook Computers Will Significantly Reduce e-waste**](http://www.youtube.com/watch?menuid=7&articleid=3818&source=whatsnew122313)

The IEC's new specification will allow consumers to use a single external charger with a wide range of notebook computers, making it easier for external chargers to be reused or replaced when needed.

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[**EPA Seeks Input on Government Use of Product Environmental Performance Standards and Ecolabels in Connection with Sustainable Purchasing**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3817&source=whatsnew122313)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s new draft guidelines are intended to help federal agencies implement sustainable acquisition rules that require 95% of the U.S. government’s applicable purchases to be sustainable.

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**Did You Know?**

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: EIA, CAGI, APSP, and CFA.

[more…](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3816&source=whatsnew122313)

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 17, 2013 – December 23, 2013](http://plus.google.com/103554078283468148972)

[National Cooperative Research and Production Act Notices from the U.S. Federal Register, September 28, 2013 – December 23, 2013](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx)

PUBLICATIONS

Take advantage of more great information…

[**Standards Action – December 20, 2013**](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/Standards%20Action/2013_PDFs/SAV4451.pdf?&source=whatsnew122313)The latest issue of ANSI’s key public review vehicle.

[***United States Standards Strategy* (USSS) *– Third Edition***](http://www.facebook.com/pages/ANSI-American-National-Standards-Institute/46446679081?&source==whatsnew122313)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.

[***United States Conformity Assessment Principles* (USCAP) *– Third Edition***](http://www.youtube.com/user/ansidotorg?&source==whatsnew122313)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.

[***2012-2013 Annual Report***](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/Government%20Affairs/Federal%20Register%20Notices/Standards%20_%20CA%20Notices/2013/12%2023%2013.pdf?&source=whatsnew122313)This year's annual report, *Building Connections, Fostering Solutions*, covers the work carried out by ANSI and its Federation of members to safeguard the U.S. standardization system and support the development of standards-based solutions for economic growth, innovation, and national and global priorities.

[***What Is ANSI?***](http://twitter.com/ansidotorg?&source=whatsnew122313)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.

Check out our other[publications](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/periodicals/overview.aspx?menuid=7&source=whatsnew122313)and[documents of interest](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/Standards%20Activities/NSSC/USSS_Third_edition/USSS%202010-sm.pdf?menuid=7&source=whatsnew122313).

CALENDAR

Please check the [Events Section](http://www.linkedin.com/groups?menuid=8&source=whatsnew122313) of ANSI Online regularly for updated and new event information.

[**ANSI Workshop: Arbitration of RAND Dispute**](http://ansidotorg.blogspot.com/?menuid=8&source=whatsnew122313)**s**January 21, 2014
Washington, DC

[**ANSI Company Member Forum (CMF) Meeting**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=8&eid=1941&source=whatsnew122313)April 2–3, 2014
San Diego, CA

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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Visit[StandardsLearn.org](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/News%20and%20Publications/Brochures/Annual%20Report%20Archive/ANSI_2012_13_Annual_Report_with_Roster.pdf?&source=whatsnew122313), 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.

[**Standardization Case Studies**](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/Government%20Affairs/Federal%20Register%20Notices/NCRP%20Notices/2013/NCRPNotices%2010_28_13.pdf?&source=whatsnew122313)

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/meetings_events/events/2014/Arbitration_of_RAND_Disputes.aspx?menuid=13&source=whatsnew?&source=whatsnew122313) 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/news_publications/other_documents/other_doc.aspx?menuid=13&source=whatsnew122313) of ANSI Online.

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