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**What’s New?**

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HEADLINES

A summary of this issue’s top stories…

[**Office of Management and Budget Releases Proposed Update of Circular A-119 for Public Comment**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3869&source=whatsnew021014)

ANSI strongly encourages all relevant stakeholders to review the proposed updates to the circular, which is expected to have a significant impact on future U.S. government use of privately developed voluntary consensus standards.

[more…](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3869&source=whatsnew021014)

[**Pilot Accreditation Program to Determine Eligibility of Program Operators for Environmental Labels and Declarations and to Assess Competence of Certification Bodies that Verify/Validate Environmental Product Declarations (EPD) for Accreditation**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3868&source=whatsnew021014)

The new pilot program grew out of an ANSI-sponsored market analysis that confirmed a growing demand for an accreditation program in this area based on International Organization for Standardization (ISO) standards.

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[**ANSI Launches New Pilot Accreditation Program to Determine Eligibility of a Type I Environmental Labeling Certification Scheme, and to Assess Competence of Eco-labeling Certification Bodies for Accreditation**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3867&source=whatsnew021014)

A recent study sponsored by ANSI found a growing demand for an ANSI-led accreditation program based on ISO standards in this area.

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[**International Accreditation Forum Announces Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MLA) for Persons is Ready for Applications**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3865&source=whatsnew021014)

The International Accreditation Forum (IAF) recently announced that it will expand its Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MLA) to apply to eligible personnel certification bodies worldwide. ANSI applauds this development, which is expected to bolster the portability and effectiveness of personnel certifications the world over.

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[**International Standards on Industrial Automation Systems Up for Review**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3854&source=whatsnew021014)

Feedback is sought from affected and interested stakeholders regarding the five ISO standards, which were developed by ISO Technical Committee (TC) 184, *Automation systems and integration*, Subcommittee (SC) 5, *Interoperability, integration, and architectures for enterprise systems and automation applications*.

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[**ISO Seeks Input on Energy Management and Bioenergy Standardization**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3863&source=whatsnew021014)

The ISO Technical Management Board (TMB) Strategic Advisory Group on Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Sources (SAG E) has invited interested stakeholders to take a survey on current and future issues related to energy management, energy efficiency and demand management, and bioenergy, among other related issues.

[more…](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3863&source=whatsnew021014)

[**2014 Olympics: Standards Support the Games’ Infrastructure**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3864&source=whatsnew021014)

The 22nd Winter Olympic Games began last Friday in Sochi, Russia, capping years of planning and preparation. And any time essential infrastructure is being planned, built, and maintained, voluntary consensus standards and codes can play an important role in supporting its safety and effectiveness.

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[**Did You Know?**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3866&source=whatsnew021014)

*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: AIAA, UL, SAWE, ISTA, and NEMA.

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*Federal Register* notices of potential interest …

[Standards and Trade Related Notices from the U.S. Federal Register, February 4, 2014 – February 10, 2014](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/Government%20Affairs/Federal%20Register%20Notices/Standards%20_%20CA%20Notices/2014/02%2010%2014.pdf?&source=whatsnew021014)

[National Cooperative Research and Production Act Notices from the U.S. Federal Register, January 22, 2014 – February 10, 2014](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/Government%20Affairs/Federal%20Register%20Notices/NCRP%20Notices/2014/NCRPNotices%2002_03_14.pdf?&source=whatsnew021014)

PUBLICATIONS

Take advantage of more great information…

[**Standards Action – February 7, 2014**](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/Standards%20Action/2014-PDFs/SAV4506.pdf?&source=whatsnew021014)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==whatsnew021014)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://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/News%20and%20Publications/Brochures/USCAP%202011.pdf?&source==whatsnew021014)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/News%20and%20Publications/Brochures/Annual%20Report%20Archive/ANSI_2012_13_Annual_Report_with_Roster.pdf?&source=whatsnew021014)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://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/News%20and%20Publications/Brochures/WhatIsANSI_brochure.pdf?&source=whatsnew021014)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=whatsnew021014)and[documents of interest](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/other_documents/other_doc.aspx?menuid=7&source=whatsnew021014).

CALENDAR

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[**ANSI Company Member Forum (CMF) Meeting**](http://www.ansi.org/meetings_events/events/2014/Company_Member_Forum_0414.aspx?menuid=8&source=whatsnew021014)April 2–3, 2014
San Diego, CA

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[**Standardization Case Studies**](http://www.standardslearn.org/standardization_case_studies.aspx?&source=whatsnew021014)

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=whatsnew021014) connecting the most progressive companies with the most qualified career-minded individuals.

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