

**ANSI ExSC Interpretation (2011)**

***If a proposal is rejected in connection with the development of an ANS, is there an implied prohibition on the use of the same proposal in another context?***

The ExSC does not agree that the rejection of a proposal in one standards development process means that there is some implied prohibition on the use of the same proposal in another context. The *ANSI Essential Requirements*, which applies to candidate and approved American National Standards only, requires that every properly submitted proposal be considered on its own merit and in accordance with the sponsoring ANSI-Accredited Standards Developer's accredited procedures.

The ExSC further notes that ANSI cannot, in any event, limit a proposer's ability to suggest revisions to an American National Standard (ANS) in more than one venue, regardless of whether such a proposal was previously rejected in another context. While ANSI's procedures encourage coordination and good faith efforts to minimize conflict and unnecessary duplication, the current language contained in the *ANSI Essential Requirements* cannot and is not interpreted to prohibit the introduction of a proposed revision that may have failed in one context, in another.