



## **NIST Standards in Trade Workshops Increase Trade Opportunities and Exports for U.S. Industry**

Since 1995, U.S. industry has looked to the NIST Standards in Trade (SIT) Workshop Program to provide opportunities for cooperation on topics related to standards, conformity assessment and trade that are important to the success of their businesses. SIT has conducted over 45 workshops in the U.S. and abroad on a wide variety of topics, ranging from roadway infrastructure and safety to information technology, building construction codes to renewable energy and lighting, and much more.

SIT workshops are designed to introduce U.S. stakeholders to emerging standards and conformity assessment issues in other countries and regions; identify technical barriers to trade; and provide timely

information to foreign officials on U.S. practices in standards, metrology, and conformity assessment. The goals of the workshops are tailored to meet the specific needs of an industry. Workshops aid U.S. industry in becoming more competitive through increased transparency and promotion and use of U.S. and international standards, thus increasing trade opportunities and exports. Workshops help U.S. industry compete overseas and have yielded many tangible results.

For more information visit <http://gsi.nist.gov/global/index.cfm/L1-4/L2-14> or send a message to [sit@nist.gov](mailto:sit@nist.gov). The SIT Program considers proposals from U.S. industry and associations for future workshops.



# **NIST Standards and Conformity Assessment Training Available to Government Agencies**

NIST's Standards Services Group (SSG) offers training for federal, state, and local government agencies on the fundamentals of documentary standards and conformity assessment. Each workshop is tailored to meet the specific needs of the requesting agency. Presentations and discussions may include topics such as:

- \*The U.S. standards system and key players in the standards development community;

- \*How standards are developed;

- \*USG roles and responsibilities under the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act;

- \*Government-unique, private sector, voluntary and mandatory standards – what's the difference?

- \*How to be an effective participant and leader in the development of consensus standards;

- \*What is conformity assessment and why are standards and the assessment of conformity to standards so important?

- \*How standards affect global trade and trade agreements; and

- \*NIST resources available for assistance.

Full and half day workshops are available free of charge, as budget and schedules permit. SSG staff may also participate at relevant training events offered by other government agencies, upon request.

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