

# Fundamentals of Standards and Conformity Assessment

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Standards Coordination Office, Standards Services

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8:30 am - 4:30 pm

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<b>DRAFT AGENDA</b>	
8:30 am to 9:00 am	<b>Registration</b> Come a few minutes early and meet some of the NIST Standards Services staff and other participants.
9:00 am to 9:30 am	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b>  Mr. Erik Puskar Program Manager, Standards Services, NIST
	<b>What is NIST?</b> NIST solves science and technology problems today so that U.S. industry and science can produce the improved products, services, and technologies of tomorrow. From atomic clocks and online banking to mammograms and cell phones, NIST supports U.S. innovation through research, measurements, standards, business services, and other programs.  A Short Video Presentation
	<b>Overview of NIST and the Standards Coordination Office</b> This is an exciting time for NIST and the Standards Coordination Office. A number of critical national priorities have been entrusted to the organization, and standards are high on the agenda.  Ms. Mary Saunders Director, Standards Coordination Office, NIST
9:30 am to 10:30 am	<b>Fundamentals of Standards</b> Includes an overview of the history of standardization and the basics of the U.S. and international standards systems.  Ms. Ileana Martinez Senior International Affairs Advisor, Standards Coordination Office, NIST
10:30 am to 10:45 am	<b>Break</b>
10:45 am to 11:15 am	<b>Standards: Federal Participation and Use</b>

	<p>A review of the <a href="#">National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act</a> (NTTAA) and <a href="#">OMB Circular No. A 119</a>, which collectively directs Federal agencies to use standards developed by voluntary consensus standards bodies, wherever possible, to carry out policy objectives and to participate in the development of voluntary consensus standards, subject to certain conditions.</p> <p>Ms. Mary Saunders Director, Standards Coordination Office, NIST</p>
11:15 am to 12:00 pm	<p><b>Standards Development: A View from the Inside</b> To a newcomer, participating in standards development work can be intimidating – it may even seem like a secret society! Learn the basics of standards development and how you can be a more effective participant and leader in the development of non-governmental consensus standards.</p> <p>Ms. Pat Harris International Standards Specialist, Standards Services, NIST</p>
12:00 pm to 12:30 pm	<p><b>Standards Jeopardy</b> Test your standards-smarts in this special version of the classic Jeopardy game.</p> <p>Ms. Mary Jo DiBernardo Program Manager, Standards Services, NIST</p>
12:30 pm to 1:30 pm	<p><b>Lunch Break</b> (on your own)</p>
1:30 pm to 2:30 pm	<p><b>Basics of Conformity Assessment and NIST’s Role in Advising Federal Agencies</b> ISO/IEC 17000:2004, Conformity Assessment – Vocabulary and General Principles, defines conformity assessment as the demonstration that specified requirements relating to a product, process, system, person or body are fulfilled. But what does this really mean? Learn more about general conformity assessment terms, such as testing, inspection, certification, accreditation, attestation, and more, and the use of conformity assessment to facilitate trade in both voluntary and regulatory environments.</p> <p>Mr. Gordon Gillerman Director, Standards Services, NIST</p>
2:30 pm to 3:00 pm	<p><b>Overview of the U.S. Inquiry Point under the World Trade Organization Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade</b> Learn about the role of the Inquiry Point and resources available to support your need for information regarding standards, technical regulations, and conformity assessment procedures.</p> <p>Ms. MaryAnn Hogan Technical Information Specialist, Standards Services, NIST</p>
3:00 pm to 3:15 pm	<p><b>Break</b></p>
3:15 pm to 4:15 pm	<p><b>Lessons Learned Along the Road to Success in Standards Development... or What I Wish I Had Known</b> A panel of the USG’s leading thinkers and do-ers in standardization will look at the Federal government’s work in standards development today and over the years and reflect on why it is important to their agencies, the United States and globally to maintain a robust standards engagement.</p>

	<p><b>Moderator</b>  Dr. David Wollman  Manager, Smart Grid and Cyber-Physical Systems Program Office  Engineering Laboratory (EL), NIST</p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <p><b>LCDR Scott Colburn</b>  Director, Standards Program, Center for Devices and Radiological Health  U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)</p> <p><b>Ms. Virginia (Ginny) Fitzner</b>  Director, Office of Safety Systems in the Directorate of Standards and Guidance  Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)</p> <p><b>Mr. Peter Shebell</b>  Standards Policy Manager, Science and Technology Directorate (S&amp;T)  U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)</p>
4:15 pm to 4:30 pm	<p><b>Q&amp;A and Closing Remarks</b>  Workshop speakers will be available to answer your questions.</p> <p>Mr. Erik Puskar  Program Manager, Standards Services, NIST</p>