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Standards Coordination Office



## Roles and Responsibilities of the ICSP

# Today's Discussion

- Interagency Committee on Standards Policy (ICSP)
- Additional Resources: [Standards.gov](https://standards.gov)

# Authority

OMB Circular A-119:

“Federal Participation in the Development and Use of Voluntary Consensus Standards and in Conformity Assessment Activities”

Section 13b – under “Responsibilities of the Secretary of Commerce”

# Who constitutes the ICSP?

- Standards Executives and their designated alternates – appointed by their agency
- 29 actively participating agencies
- Chaired by NIST – Mary Saunders, Director, SCO

# ICSP Members - Departments

Agriculture

Commerce

Defense

Education

Energy

Health and Human Services

Homeland Security

Housing and Urban Development

Justice

Labor

State

Interior

Treasury

Transportation

Veterans Affairs

# ICSP Members – Agencies

Access Board

Environmental Protection Agency

General Services Administration

Government Printing Office – non-voting (Legislative Branch)

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

National Archives and Records Administration

Office of Management and Budget

U.S. Trade Representative

# ICSP Members – Independent Commissions

Consumer Product Safety Commission

Federal Communications Commission

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Federal Trade Commission

Nuclear Regulatory Commission

U.S. International Trade Commission

# What is the objective of the ICSP?

## Objective

“The objective of the Committee shall be to promote effective and consistent standards and conformity assessment *policies* in furtherance of U.S. domestic and foreign goals and, to this end, to foster cooperative participation by the Federal Government and U.S. industry and other private organizations in standards activities, including the related activities of product testing, management system registration, certification, and accreditation programs.”

From: Charter of the ICSP

# What are the functions or responsibilities of the ICSP?

- Strengthen coordination (within and between agencies) of standards and conformity assessment policies and activities.
- Promote standards-related policies consistent with statutory obligations.
- Improve the efficiency of Federal standardization efforts with the private sector, and regional and international organizations.
- Monitor U.S. technical treaty obligations regarding standards related trade issues.
- Promote the use of internationally acceptable standards.

# What are the functions or responsibilities of the ICSP? (cont'd)

- Ensure effective USG representation at significant regional and international standards-related meetings and conferences.
- Encourage the development/ improvement of agency strategic plans for managing and monitoring use of voluntary standards and participation in standards-related activities;
- Promote the use of standards that serve national goals such as environmentally sound and energy efficient materials, products, systems, services, and practices.

# What kind of issues does the ICSP cover/address?

- Establishment of a Conformity Assessment Working Group (CAWG)
- Monitor response to recent RFI's including possible supplement to OMB A-119
- ISO activities of concern such as ISO 26000 – Social Responsibility and ISO Guide 82 - Sustainability Guide for standards writers.
- Incorporation by Reference topics
  - ACUS recommendations
  - Outstanding petition to the OFR
  - Current DOT pipeline safety legislation

# ICSP Meetings

- 3 to 4 meetings per year
- In DC area
- Hold joint sessions with ANSI's Government Member Forum.

# What are the responsibilities of agency standards executives?

## Section 15 OMB A-119

- Represent their agency at the ICSP
- Prepare annual agency NTTAA report for OMB and Congress through NIST.
- Coordinate their agency's participation in voluntary consensus standards bodies.
- Coordinate their agency's standards policy and implementation.

# Standards Executives ensure...

- Agency support and participation complies with applicable laws and regulations.
- Agency positions are in the public interest and do not conflict with each other.
- Agency positions are consistent with Administration policy.
- Agency technical and policy positions are clearly defined and known in advance to all Federal participants on a given committee.
- A single, unified Federal position and, where not feasible, a mutual recognition of differences.

# Standards Executives ensure...

- Standards participation procedures are in place.
- Participation is consistent with agency missions, authorities, priorities, and budget resources.
- Standards used by agencies are regularly reviewed for purposes of updating.

# Where can I find out who is my Standards Executive?

The screenshot shows a Windows Internet Explorer browser window displaying the Standards.gov website. The address bar shows the URL: <http://standards.gov/icsp/query/members.cfm>. The website header features the "Standards.gov" logo and a navigation menu with links for MAIN, AGENCIES, MEMBERS, MINUTES, CHARTER, COMMITTEE CHAIRS, WORKING GROUPS, and HELP. The main content area is titled "Interagency Committee on Standards Policy (ICSP)" and "ICSP Members".

The page contains the following text:

The **Individuals** displayed here are the current **ICSP Standards Executives** and their **Alternates** plus others that support ICSP activities. Names marked with an \* only served for a portion of the year. Use this **PRINTER FRIENDLY** link for a printer friendly window that can be printed.

*Current Fiscal Year: 2013*  
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# Standards.gov Resources

- News
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  - to ICSP members and documents
  - to Annual Reports and Reporting Tool
- Standards Incorporated by Reference Database
- Information: policy memos, papers, studies, training resources, SOS information

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## Newslinks

August 21, 2012 - Recent Treasury guidance consents to ANSI's international standards development activities with Iran. The Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) advised that ANSI's participation in international standards activities involving Iran is permitted by exception (section 560.21 O(c)) or general license (section 560.538) in the Iranian Transactions Regulations. [Read the decision...](#)



Archives

## The NTTAA

Standards.gov supports the requirements of [The National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act \(NTTAA\)](#), which directs Federal agencies with respect to their use of private sector standards and conformity assessment practices. The objective is for Federal agencies to adopt private sector standards, wherever possible, in lieu of creating proprietary, non-consensus standards. The Act directs the [National Institute of Standards and Technology \(NIST\)](#) to bring together Federal agencies, as well as

## Quick Links

- [NTTAA-OMB A119 Training](#)
- [Standards Incorporated by Reference \(SIBR\) Database](#)
- [Standards Executives Resources](#)
- [NTTAA Annual Reports](#)
- [NTTAA Agency Reporting Tool](#)

## News from the NSTC's Subcommittee on Standards

The National Science and Technology Council's [Subcommittee on Standards \(SOS\)](#) is an inter-agency forum for senior officials of federal agencies interested in standards and standardization related issues.

**NEW!**  
**01/20/2012**  
Three offices in the Executive Office of the President, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs / Office of Management and Budget (OMB/OIRA), Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR), have recently released a memo "**Principles for Federal Engagement in Standards Activities to Address National Priorities**"

Thank You

## Questions?

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