

Fundamentals of Standards and Conformity Assessment for Government Agencies

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AGENDA

Monday, June 22, 2015	
8:30 am to 9:00 am	Registration
9:00 am to 9:15 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks Ms. Mary Jo DiBernardo Program Manager Standards Services, Standards Coordination Office, NIST Mr. Gordon Gillerman Acting Director Standards Coordination Office, NIST
9:15 am to 9:30 am	Overview of NIST and the Standards Coordination Office 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. Mr. Erik Puskar Group Leader Standards Services, Standards Coordination Office, NIST
9:30 am to 10:30 am	Fundamentals of Standards Includes a brief overview of the history of standardization, a review of the different types of standards, 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	Break
10:45 am to 11:15 am	Current Federal Policy on Standards A review of the laws, regulations and guidance that collectively direct Federal agencies to participate in the development of voluntary consensus standards and to use nongovernment standards, whenever possible, to carry out policy objectives and meet their agency's missions. Mr. David Alderman Group Leader

	Standards Services, Standards Coordination Office, NIST
11:15 am to 12:00 pm	<p>Standards Development: A View from the Inside 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, Standards Coordination Office, NIST</p>
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm	Lunch Break (on your own)
1:00 pm to 1:45 pm	<p>Basics of Conformity Assessment and NIST’s Role in Advising Federal Agencies 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 Acting Director Standards Coordination Office, NIST</p>
1:45 pm to 2:45 pm	<p>Lessons Learned Along the Road to Success in Documentary Standards ... or What I Wish I Had Known A panel of leading thinkers and do-ers in standardization will look at their work in standards development today and over the years and reflect on why it is important to their agency, the United States, and globally to maintain a robust standards engagement.</p> <p>Moderator Dr. Ajit Jillavenkatesa Senior Standards Policy Advisor Standards Coordination Office & Program Coordination Office, NIST</p> <p>Panelists</p> <p>Mr. Roger Butturini, PE, PMP Technical Advisor Office of Standards Evaluation and Development, U.S. Coast Guard</p> <p>Ms. Sheng Lin-Gibson Group Leader, Biomaterials Group and Deputy Chief, Biosystems and Biomaterials Division, Material Measurement Laboratory, NIST</p> <p>Dr. Dorian LaFond International Standards Coordinator Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture</p>
2:45 pm to 3:00 pm	Break
3:00 pm to 3:45 pm	When Standardization is More Than Just Technical Standards –

	<p>Policy Implications and Strategic Aspects of Standardization Learn about the important links between standards and competitiveness, innovation, trade and international cooperation and what agency staff participating in standards development activities need to be aware of about standardization. Case studies and lessons learned will be featured.</p> <p>Dr. Ajit Jillavenkatesa Senior Standards Policy Advisor Standards Coordination Office & Program Coordination Office, NIST</p>
3:45 pm to 4:00 pm	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Ms. Mary Jo DiBernardo Program Manager Standards Services, Standards Coordination Office, NIST</p>

Tuesday, June 23, 2015	
<p>Setting Standards: A Simulation Exercise in Strategy and Cooperation in Standardization Processes</p> <p>A fictional, but life-like exercise that exposes participants to the challenges and opportunities in standards setting and explores the analytical and practical skills needed to successfully engage in standards negotiations</p>	
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1:30 pm to 4:00 pm	Simulation Exercise

Please note: Attendance at the June 22nd workshop *is not required* in order to participate in the June 23rd Setting Standards Simulation, but advance registration and a commitment to attend the simulation is required.