

US Government in Voluntary Consensus Standards and Voluntary Consensus Standards in the US Government

Leaders from ANSI, ICSP, and federal agencies are frequently asked to describe the public-private partnership characteristics of U.S. voluntary consensus standards (VCS) activity to audiences ranging from foreign governments, global industry, and senior government leaders. It is important to accurately present the federal government's involvement and use of voluntary consensus standards. Federal agencies have diverse missions and different uses for standards. The ICSP/GMF is developing a brief presentation describing this diverse use and involvement in voluntary consensus standards. The questions below will help to ensure that we accurately reflect your agency's involvement.

Standards Involvement

What is the purpose of your standards involvement within your Agency?

Procurement

Regulation

Promotion of public good (non-regulatory programs, research, etc.)

Government assistance (grant guidance, capacity building, etc.)

Agency operations (DOE laboratories, VA hospitals etc.)

Other (education, training, etc.)

How is your Agency involved?

How does your agency influence standards policy?

How does your agency influence the development of standards?

How does your Agency implement standards?

What do you do with voluntary consensus standards?

What is the impact?

What is the impact of your agency's involvement in VCS to your Agency?

What is the impact of your agency's involvement in VCS to the promotion of public good and national priorities?