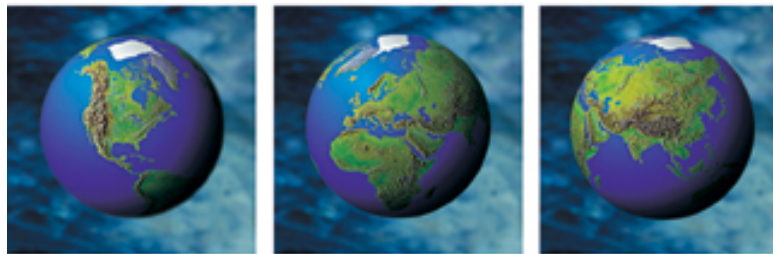




## ***ANSI AND U.S. PARTICIPATION IN ISO***



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# ***AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARDS INSTITUTE (ANSI)***

- ***Founded in 1918***
  - ***A public-private sector partnership and Federation;***
  - ***Approximately 1,000 members representing approximately 3.5 million professionals***
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- Academia
  - Individuals
  - Government
  - Manufacturing
  - Trade Associations
  - Professional Societies
  - Service Organizations
  - Standards Developers
  - Consumer and Labor Interests
  - and many more

***ANSI is not a government agency or a standards developer***

# ANSI IN NUMBERS

## ■ Revenue

### ➤ \$25 million annual budget

• Sale of Publications	50%	(\$12.5m)
• Membership Dues and Fees	20%	(\$5.0m)
• Accreditation Services	19%	(\$4.8m)
• Other	11%	(\$2.7m)
• <i>Estimated public sector % of the above</i>	10%	(\$2.5m)

■ ISO/IEC Annual Dues	\$2.1 million
■ ANSI Accredited SDOs)	208
■ Technical Committees of ANSI Accredited SDOs	565
■ American National Standards	9,915
■ Estimated U.S. voluntary standards	100,000
■ Voluntary standards referenced in U.S. laws/regulations	6,000+

# ANSI ROLES

- Ensures the integrity of the U.S. voluntary consensus standards system.
- *Provides a neutral policy forum.*
- Protects the public's participation in standardization activities.
- *Provides regional & international access.*
- Approves American National Standards.
- *Accredits* U.S. Standards Developers, *U.S. Technical Advisory Groups* and conformity assessment systems.
- Provides a central resource for information and education on standards, conformity assessment and related activities.

# ***ANSI INTERNATIONAL INTERACTION***

- **ANSI serves as the official U.S. member and sets policy for U.S. participation in:**
  - **International Organization for Standardization (ISO)**
  - **International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)**

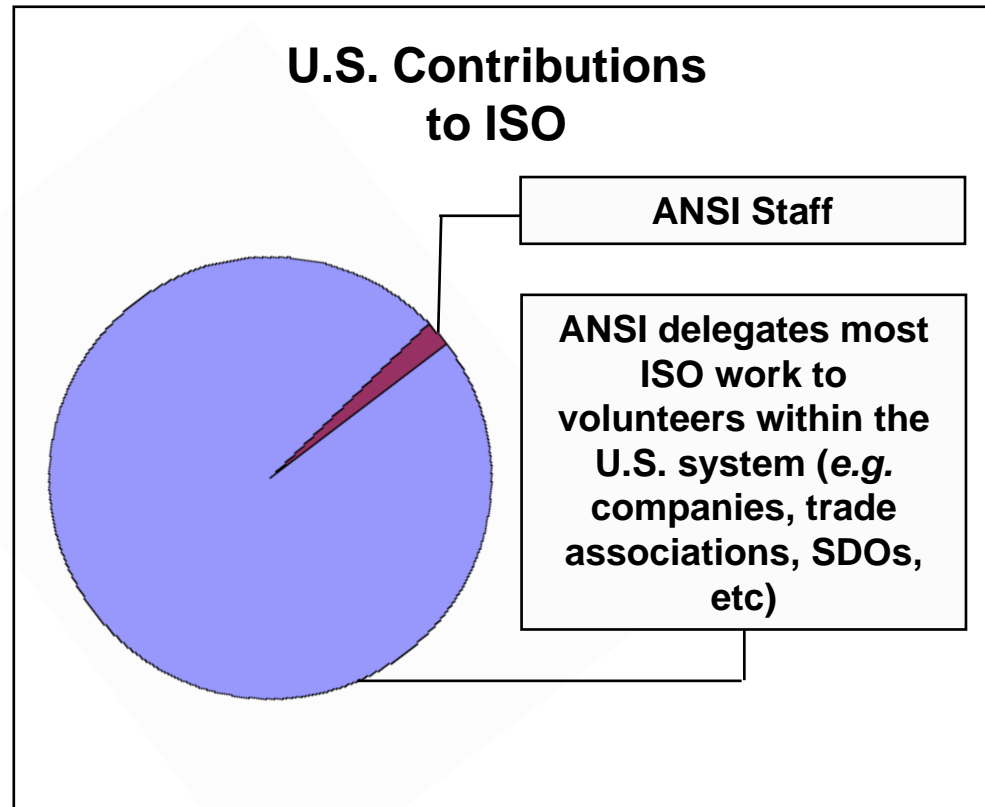


# **INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR STANDARDIZATION (ISO)**

- **Founded in 1947, non-governmental, non-treaty organization.**
- **ISO Central Secretariat (ISO/CS) offices based in Geneva, Switzerland.**
- **Scope to facilitate internationalization and unification of standards and related activities over the entire range of technology and practices (except those covered by IEC & ITU).**
- **Approximately 150 member countries.**
- **Approximately 600 organizations in liaison.**

# ANSI AND ISO

- 1 ANSI staff member is a permanent member among the 18 ISO Council members
- 1 ANSI staff member is a permanent member among the 12 ISO/TMB members
- ANSI holds 18% of all ISO committee secretariats – the most of any ISO member country
  - ANSI delegates administrative responsibility for most ISO committee secretariats to ANSI member organizations
  - ANSI staff administer ISO committee secretariats only at the request of ANSI constituents
  - 13 ISO committee secretariats are administered by ANSI staff.
- ANSI participates in roughly 79% of all ISO committees



# U.S. TECHNICAL PARTICIPATION IN ISO

- All U.S. public and private sector stakeholders may participate in U.S. Technical Advisory Groups (US/TAGs):
  - all affected stakeholders are allowed and encouraged to participate;
  - no one is required to participate;
  - participation costs (e.g. travel, staff time) are borne by US/TAG members.
- US/TAGs are administered by ANSI member organizations.
- US/TAGs are accredited by ANSI to conduct their work according to model ANSI procedures.

# ***ROLES OF U.S. TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUPS***

- **Determine the U.S. positions on voting documents.**
- **Initiate and approve U.S. proposals for new work items.**
- **Provide U.S. representation to ISO committee meetings;**
- **Nominate U.S. technical experts to serve on ISO working groups.**
- **Recommend that ISO committees be invited to meet in the U.S.**
- **Recommend that the U.S. take on P membership in an ISO committee and/or recommend that ANSI accept the secretariat of an ISO committee.**
- **Recommend U.S. candidates for the chairs/conveners of ISO committees and working groups.**

# EM PROPOSAL – ANSI PROCESS

- **Public review and comment on the EM proposal until July 20, 2007.**
- **July 10, 2007 open stakeholders meeting to discuss the EM proposal.**
- **All comments received on the EM proposal will be compiled and shared with the original proposers for their responses and any necessary revisions to the proposal documentation.**
- **If the consensus of responses received indicates support to advance the proposal to ISO, the compiled comments, with a report of responses to each comment and a possible revised proposal will be presented to the ANSI ISO Council (AIC) for endorsement.**
- **If endorsed by the AIC, either by correspondence before or at its September 12, 2007 meeting, the proposal and its supporting documentation will be submitted to ISO.**

# EM PROPOSAL – ISO Process

- ISO receives the proposal documentation from ANSI.
- The ISO/TMB asks its Strategic Advisory Group on Management System standards (SAG-MSS) to review the proposal documentation, especially the ISO Guide 72 Justification Study, and recommends to ISO whether the documentation is in order for the proposal to go forward to ISO members for voting.
- If the documentation is not considered in order by the SAG-MSS, the proposal will be referred back to ANSI and the proposers for further work.
- If the documentation is considered in order by the SAG-MSS, the proposal will be sent to all ISO members for a three-month voting period.
- After the close of the three month voting period, the compile voting results and comments are presented to the ISO/TMB for consideration.
- If the voting results meet ISO's approval criteria, the ISO/TMB will agree to form the new ISO activity and assign its committee secretariat.

# THANK YOU

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