



NIST Standards in Trade Workshops Increase Trade Opportunities and Exports for U.S. Industry

Since 1995, U.S. industry has looked to the NIST Standards in Trade (SIT) Workshop Program to provide opportunities for cooperation on topics related to standards, conformity assessment and trade that are important to the success of their businesses. SIT has conducted over 50 workshops in the U.S. and abroad on a wide variety of topics, ranging from roadway infrastructure and safety to information technology, building construction codes to renewable energy and lighting, and much more.

SIT workshops are designed to introduce U.S. stakeholders to emerging standards and conformity assessment issues in other countries and regions; identify regulatory information

and market access issues; and provide timely information to foreign officials on U.S. practices in standards, metrology, and conformity assessment. The goals of the workshops are tailored to meet the specific needs of an industry. Workshops aid U.S. industry in becoming more competitive in foreign markets through increased transparency of market and regulatory requirements and/or promotion and use of international standards, U.S. approaches and information exchange, thus increasing trade opportunities and exports.

For more information or to submit a recommendation for a SIT workshop, please visit our [website](#) or send a message to sit@nist.gov.



NIST Standards and Conformity Assessment Training Available to Government Agencies

NIST offers interactive workshops for federal, state, and local government agencies on the fundamentals of standards, conformity assessment, and related topics. Each workshop is tailored to meet the specific needs of the requesting agency. Presentations and discussions may include topics such as:

- *The U.S. standards system, standards terminology, and key players in the U.S. and international standards development community;
- *How standards are developed;
- *Federal participation and use of standards;
- *How to be an effective participant and leader in standards development;

*What is conformity assessment and why are standards and the assessment of conformity to standards so important?

*How standards affect global trade and trade agreements; and

*NIST resources available for assistance.

Workshops can range from two hours to two and are available free of charge, as budget and schedules permit. Expert staff from NIST's Standards Services may also participate at relevant training events offered by other government agencies, upon request.

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