

Interest Categories

Academic - Other

An educational institution or a person or entity affiliated with such institution, that does not fall under any of the other Academic categories, providing academic review of the standard being developed.

Academic - Researcher

An educational institution, or a person affiliated with such institution, engaged in research in the subject matter covered by the standard being developed.

Academic - Student

A student of an educational institution with direct interest in the standard being developed.

Academic - Teacher

A teacher/professor/instructor at an educational institution with direct interest in the standard being developed.

Calibration Laboratory

A Calibration Lab calibrates test and measurement equipment from testing labs and other sources; its calibrations are usually traceable to National Metrology Institutes (such as NIST in the United States) and the basic reference standards held by National Metrology Institutes.

Consulting

A person or entity that provides consulting services in the field covered by the standard being developed.

Directly Affected Public

Those parties who are likely to be impacted by the outcome of the standard, but are not implementers of the standard.

Distributor/Retailer/Reseller

Distributors, resellers, or retailers of conformant products, or a person affiliated with such entity.

General Interest

A participant in standards activities that may benefit directly or indirectly, and may be affected by the standard being developed without being primarily a member of any of the other interest categories defined for this ballot.

Government - Defense/Military

A defense or military governmental entity, or a person affiliated with such entity, with direct interest in the standard being developed.

Government - Other

A governmental entity that does not fall under any other Government categories, or a person affiliated with such entity with direct interest in the standard being developed.

Government - Regulatory Agency

A governmental entity involved in policymaking, or a person affiliated with such entity, with direct interest in the standard being developed.

Industrial/Commercial

Those parties that represent the view of an Industrial/Commercial facility irrespective of the manufacturing aspects contained within that facility.

Insurance/ Risk Management

An entity that offers insurance or risk management services, or person affiliated with such entity with a direct interest in the standard under development.

Non-governmental Organization (NGO) / Advocacy Group

A person or entity that is affiliated with a non-governmental organization or advocacy group with direct interest in the standard being developed.

Producer - Component

A person or entity that creates or may create a component for sale or distribution.

Producer - Other

A person or entity that creates or may create products not covered by any other producer category.

Producer - Software

A person or entity that creates or may create software or firmware for use in conjunction with a system.

Producer - System / Manufacturer

A person or entity that creates or may create a system for sale or distribution.

Professional Association / Professional Society

An organization, or person affiliated with such an institution, that seeks to further a particular profession and the interests of individuals engaged in that profession, with direct interest in the standard being developed.

Research

An entity (other than an academic institution), or person affiliated with such entity, engaged in primary research in the subject matter covered by the standard under development.

Service Provider - Design Services

A person or entity that provides, or may provide, design services for the subject matter covered by the standard being developed.

Service Provider - Documentation Services

A person or entity that provides, or may provide, documentation services with direct interest in the standard being developed.

Service Provider - Recycling and Reuse Services

A person or entity that provides, or may provide, services to recycle and/or reuse products.

Service Provider - Testing

A person or entity that provides, or may provide, testing services to test the conformance and/or interoperability of products.

Service Provider - Training

A person or entity that provides, or may provide, training services with direct interest in the standard being developed.

Slacker

Could care less

Standards Developing Organization (SDO)

A standard developing organization, or a person affiliated with an SDO with direct interest in the standard being developed.

Supplier

Suppliers of materials, equipment and packaging to producers of conformant products.

Trade Association/Industry Trade Group/ Industry Consortium

An organization, or person affiliated with such organization, founded and funded by businesses that operate in a specific industry with direct interest in the standard being developed.

User - Consumer

A person using goods and services when the standard being developed deals with a consumer product (e.g. hair dryers, personal computers).

User - Industrial

An industrial user of the product when the standard being developed deals with an industrial product (e.g. steel or insulation used in transformers).

User – Government

User-government: Where the standards activity in question is likely to result in a standard that may become the basis for government agency procurement, an appropriate user participant is the representative of that government agency.

User - Labor

A representative of labor when the standard being developed deals with subjects of special interest to workers (e.g. products used in the workplace).

User - Other

A person or entity that relies, or may rely, on the standard to define conformance of the product or service, and to create a common understanding of the operation of the product or service.