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Subject: Re: Incorporation by Reference
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Scott, thanks for inviting ACUS to participate in the NPC meeting on Oct 27. Let me discuss this with our people and get back to you. We really appreciate your involvement in our recommendation process, which I hope will continue. Best, Paul

From: Scott Cooper [mailto:SCooper@ansi.org]
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2011 09:28 AM
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Dear Chairman Verkuil,

I thought that the meeting Wednesday on Incorporation by Reference (IBR) was very helpful in bringing together subject matter experts in an open and collaborative setting. Thank you for the opportunity to participate. I look forward to participating in any future meetings, and I know that sentiment is shared by the standards developers who were also in the room.

This is an issue –as you know-- that is of great interest to those involved in standards development. There are many in the standardization arena – both public and private sector organizations-- who would benefit from hearing more about the ACUS initiative.

I am pleased that Emily Bremer was able to brief the members of the Inter-Agency Committee on Standards Policy (ICSP) on the project. A number of members of the ICSP are also members of ANSI's National Policy Committee (NPC), and it has been recommended that a similar briefing be offer to the NPC at its next meeting. The voting members of the NPC are (in roughly equal parts), a) USG standards executives, b) members of standard-setting bodies, and c) representatives from industry, consumer groups and academia. NPC meetings are open meetings, and non-members are allowed to participate (but not vote). We hold two NPC meetings a year, and our next meeting is on October 27th. This will be held at the ANSI offices and the meeting will be chaired by Mary Saunders, who is Chief of the Standards Services Division at NIST, reporting directly to Pat Gallagher the Director of NIST and the Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology.

The NPC meeting will begin at 10am and end at 3pm. We could certainly be flexible to meet Emily's schedule as to what time would work best. We would want to devote ½ hour to the presentation. And we would be most pleased if other members of ACUS would like to join us. I would be happy to follow-through with you, Jonathan, Scott or Emily on how best to craft such a presentation (ie opportunity for Q&A?).

Again, thank you for hosting –and allowing our attendance – at the IBR meeting. I

think there was a clear consensus by those in attendance that the meeting was very helpful in defining a path forward to constructively address the complex and sometimes contentious issues involved in the incorporation by reference issue. Where ANSI and our members can be helpful, I know we would like to be so, including a continuance of the dialogue at the NPC meeting on Oct. 27th.

Best Regards
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