Hi Jeff,

Thank you so much for your offer. I am interested and, having discussed it with the folks here, I’m happy to say that it’s also possible for me to participate. Please just let me know next steps.

I’ve cc’ed Megan Kindelan, our Communications Director, as she’ll be helping me with this.

Best,
Emily

Dear Emily –

I hope you had a great summer since we last spoke at PHMSA in mid-July. I heard good reviews of your presentation at SES in New Orleans.

I wanted to follow up on a discussion we started about you answering a few questions for our Standardization News magazine. By copy, I would like to introduce you to the Assoc Editor and my friend Cicely Enright.

Cicely and I would like to propose that that we identify 4 to 6 questions and ask you to respond. We can negotiate the text of the questions as needed for ACUS OK and we can give you a few chances to edit your responses as the process moves forward. The link below is to the current Q&A in the most recent edition of our magazine. We would follow the same format. Finally, below are a few of the questions we were considering to ask you.

Are you interested and do you think it is possible? I will turn it over to Cicely as far as deadlines and word counts, etc. I hope you agree it is a good opportunity to get greater visibility for ACUS as well as to better inform our 30,000 readers, etc.

Thanks again!

- How do standards impact business, regulators and the regulated, and trade when they are referenced or codified into law?

- When standards are incorporated by reference into regulations and law, it brings some issues to the fore for agencies and legislators. What are those issues and how are they being addressed?

- What do you feel is the status of the public-private partnership in standards development in the United States? How does this partnership benefit both the participants and the public?

- (If you are able to comment on this upcoming report) ACUS has recently completed a report on conformity assessment. Why did ACUS focus on this topic and what did your agency discover about it?